

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR520

3rd July 2013

Dear Mr Reynolds,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) review request, which we received on 14 June 2013.

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I am now in a position to respond to you.

You have asked us:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'DWP Treatment Of Its Disabled Staff'.

You have failed to answer number one and number two

Number one asks if tax payers hard earn cash was used to pay the lady. You have said it came from your account. Where does the money originate that is in your account?

Question two is about the lady with Aspergers Syndrome being unemployable because of her disability. Please answer the question, especially why you find it fit to find her condition makes her unemployable yet ATOS finds them fit for work....

I asked how many persons with Aspergers had been found fit to work by ATOS.

It would seem its a matter of dual standards when your department find somebody with Aspergers to be unemployable, yet ATOS deems them fit for work...

i therefore request an internal revue that might explain the variation in what you say and what you actually do. Hypocrisy springs to mind!

To further clarify our response to question 1:

As a Government Department the Department for Work and Pensions is accountable to Parliament for its expenditure. Parliamentary approval for its spending plans is sought through Supply Estimates presented to the House of Commons.

Supply Estimates are at the heart of public spending control. Supply Estimates are the means of obtaining from Parliament the legal authority to consume resources and spend cash the government needs to finance department's agreed spending programme.

HM Treasury has a constitutional role in controlling public expenditure. Government departments need Treasury consent before undertaking expenditure or committing to spending tax-payers money.

All legislation that affects spending must have the support of the Treasury before it is introduced. Policy decisions with financial implications are cleared with the Treasury before they gain approval by the Cabinet.

With regard to question 2: as previously advised DWP does not hold this information.

I am content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for FoI requests.

I hope this is helpful but if you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk