

Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Central Freedom of Information Team

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Our reference: VTR0103

Date: 24 January 2018

Dear A. James,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 09 January 2018.

You asked:

Please can you therefore disclose the following under the FOIA:

- *The correspondence sent to the ICO which resulted in them providing that guidance. I am interested in any and all correspondence sent by the DWP to the ICO and/or the complaining party.*
- *Any and all communication sent by the ICO to the DWP in relation to this matter.*

DWP Response:

Your request was a follow-up to FOI 5068 where we had previously advised that the Information Commissioner confirmed that DWP was entitled to withhold some information in relation to Information Gathering. The ICO has also confirmed that elements of the Policy Law and Decision Making Guidance is exempt under Section 36 (2) (C) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is not possible to provide you the information you have requested as this information is subject to exception under Section 32 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You can read these sections by following the link below <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36>

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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745