

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 185

27 September 2011

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Thank you for your email requesting a review of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) handling of your previous Freedom of Information request.

Please be assured that your request has been given our full consideration and that all aspects of your review were taken fully into account.

The review was conducted by an independent official within the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests. The case has been examined afresh to ensure all factors were taken fully into account.

After consideration, the internal review has upheld its original decision as your request was answered.

It may help if I explain that the Department has a number of employment programmes, including the Work Programme and as discussed in your original request previously Flexible New Deal. None of these programmes are compulsory labour schemes; therefore we do not hold any policy or guidance information within the scope of your request. Also any new policy introduced by the Department is considered against the Human Rights Act to ensure that it is lawful.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol 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