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Dear Mr Foster

# Freedom of Information Act - Request for Information Our Reference: FOI 2838

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 1st July 2015. You asked:

"Please inform me of the taking of third party deductions by force,I want to receive dwp's proof of their legality and as to why I should receive a liability order. As I am aware the council do not have possession of these as I have checked with the courts.while I have been on benefits I have been tax exempt for the periods that they are stating liability so I would like to know what lawful rights dwp has in making judgements of lawful matters for them to deduct money from my benefits and refuse any amendments or stopped until verified, Therefore I'm being forced to pay money against my will without liability or lawful means to do so, as mentioned I'm tax exempt so why has dwp not put this in place prior to all this illegality of money laundering and slavery started,

### Who has control of payments (me or dwp)

As a UK citizen born on these lands why am I being treated with such gross negligence as I am a creditor towards UK cooperation these charges applied actually boil down to fraud in an organised way we're funds end up being laundered by replacing them back into public funds,"

The Department does not issue Liability Orders. A Liability Order is an order obtained by a local council through the magistrates' court under the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992, SI 1992/613, regulation 34 or regulation 36A(5).

When a council has obtained a Liability Order they are legally allowed to ask the Department to deduct monies (third party deductions) from a claimant's benefit in order to repay council tax arrears. The Department will comply with such an Order.

The Third Party Deductions Scheme works by deducting a prescribed amount at source from the customer's benefit for housing costs, rent arrears and water charges amongst others and paying it direct to the creditor until the debt is cleared.

You would need to contact your local council for further information.

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

## Yours sincerely

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