

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 3151

14/7/14

Dear James Wildman,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 12/7/14. You asked :-

British Citizens are recruited in some numbers by British holiday companies to work in holiday destinations abroad. Their job is to facilitate and enhance the holiday experience of holidaymakers. The 'holiday representatives commonly work abroad between May and September then return to the UK.

In the event that they have no UK job to return to will they be subject to the Habitual Residence Test on their return should they apply for JSA or HB or are they exempt?

Has DWP held consultations with the major employers in the sector about HRT?

Does DWP have an estimate of the number of people affected and if so, what is it?

You can expect a reply by 8/8/14 unless I need to come back to you to clarify your request or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered.

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 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 Fol 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.gov.uk