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Our Ref: IR 615

16 November 2015

Dear I Cau,

Thank you for your email requesting a review of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) response dated 16 April 2015, reference 1465.

In your email you asked to be provided with information answering the following questions:-

'I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Health and Disability Assessment Service Service Training Programme Plan'.

This request was not made in the last 60 days!

*It was made on
7 April 2015*

A internal review was requested for the information because it was legally bound to be supplied to the DWP by a tendered, won and then signed contract

Please supply the information requested 6 months ago!

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

I note that a response to your request dated 7 April 2015 (Ref FOI 1465) was issued on 16 April 2015. Within that response you were advised that the information that you requested did not exist at that time and therefore the Department was unable to provide any information, however it was suggested that you may wish to submit another request at a later date. Request FOI 1465 was subsequently closed.

On 1 October 2015 you submitted a similar request (Ref FOI 4318), again asking for a copy of the Health and Disability Assessment Service Training Programme Plan.

You were advised of the following:

'It is occasionally necessary to extend the 20 working day time limit for issuing a response. In the case of your request, I need to extend the time limit because the information requested must be considered under one of the exemptions to which the public interest test applies. This extra time is needed in order to make a determination as to the public interest.'

I wish to advise you that the following exemption applies to the information that you have requested:

Section 43 Commercial Interests

By virtue of section 10(3), where public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such a time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

The Department has not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest. Due to the need to consider, in all the circumstances of the case, where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested, the Department will not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days.

Accordingly, I hope to let you have a response by 27 November 2015. If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.'

I therefore find that the original response dated 16 April 2015 was correct and that all the information that DWP was able to supply at that time had been supplied.

As stated above, I hope to respond to your FOI request (FOI 4318) by 27 November 2015.

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.

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