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Dear Sandra Smith

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 16 May 2021. You wrote:

Can you please confirm how many meetings Justin Tomlinson has held with Charities, Groups and individual people with regards to “up coming “ publication of green paper - Health & Disability Green Paper.

DWP Response

We can confirm that we hold information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £600 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days (equivalent to 24 staff-hours) in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under Section 12 of the Fol Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further. The reason being the scope of your request is broad, this would mean checking records for meetings between the Minister, charity groups and individuals in a time frame that is open ended.

Under Section 16 of the Fol Act we should help you narrow your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit.

We feel that you should narrow your request to be more specific by requesting information on a particular group of people e.g. a charity or individuals by name and further look to shorten the time frame, for example to the last 12 months.

We will consider afresh any revised request however we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit as each Fol request is judged on its own merits.

To be helpful, there is some information already in the public domain regarding meetings that the Minister for Disabled People has had with external stakeholders. In accordance with the Government's Quarterly Transparency publication, this information can be accessed on Gov.UK via the following link: [DWP ministerial gifts, hospitality, travel and meetings](#)

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

Yours sincerely,

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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@dwp.gov.uk or by writing to: DWP Central Fol Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, 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.

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