

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: VTR 2906

DATE 26 June 2013

Dear P Maddison,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 25 June. You asked for:-

I would like to know exactly how the amounts for benefits are worked out, I ask because of this sentence; "This is what the LAW says what you need to live on"

- 1. The amounts for each benefit.*
- 2. How the amounts are calculated.*
- 3. How much it is that the amount actually is and why.*
- 4. Who decides these amounts.*
- 5. What the money is expected to be used for to justify "This is what the LAW says what you need to live on"*

You can expect a reply by 23 July 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