Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Central Freedom of Information Team

Our reference: VTR 4736

Date: 31/10/14

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 27/10/14. You asked:

How many complaints on accuracy of the ESA85 has the DWP received since its creation?

DWP records complaints against 8 high level complaint categories, however it does not routinely record the lower level information required to enable us to identify complaints relating to this specific scenario, so I am unable to provide the information requested in this instance.

To gather this information, we estimate that the cost would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us 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-requexx@xxx.xxx.xxx.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.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745