

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: VTR IR 44

11 February 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your e-mail of 30 January which I have treated as a request for an Internal Review. Your e-mail was sent in response to an Freedom Of Information response sent earlier that day. The following was sent in reply to your original request (copied below):

Original Request: *We have a democratic system of government were the elected party serves a fixed term set out under the rules. Powers which appear unconditional can be potentially devastating for the citizens residing in the country.*

We have, in relatively recent years, seen problems created because the government elected can not be challenged over decision, no matter what dire consequences they might have for the country as a whole.

I believe we should have learned lessons about how vulnerable we are in this regard. I would therefore like assurance that ultimately power is held in the hands of our psychiatric assessment specialists.

This leads me to my question I would like answering under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Q) Does whoever is serving as the Minister for Work and Pensions at the time undergo psychiatric assessment to assess the suitability for deciding the fate of the UK, and if so, with what regularity?

Original Response: *Under S.14 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are treating this question as vexatious*

I have considered your request again and am writing to inform you that the earlier decision to treat it as vexatious, stands.

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 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 FoI Team, 4th Floor, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9DA . 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