

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR1933

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Dear Jan Cosgrove,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 8 May 2012. You asked:

Regarding all current 'Work-Fare' style schemes operated by DWP and its agents and agencies for all ages, please list each scheme together with any International Labour Organisation Treaties to which the UK is party and whose terms have been considered by the Department in respect of each such scheme. If a scheme has not been thus considered, please mark 'not considered'.

Does the DWP as a matter of practice scrutinise all such 'Work-Fare' style schemes with regard to ILO Convention obligations and in particular those concerning forced/compulsory labour. Please describe how this is done if it is done.

The Government does not operate any "Work-Fare" style schemes.

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

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