

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR IR 908

13 January 2014

Dear Mr Hepplestein

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 30/12/2013. You asked:

*"Unfortunately you have failed to answer the questions asked.*

*I am not asking for an interpretation of data I am asking for the data which answers my questions.*

*Therefore, please provide information which answers my questions 1a and 1b.*

*In question 2 I am asking what exactly will be the explanation offered to the claimant about the statement so that the claimant will be able to make an informed decision before they sign. "*

The review has found that the reply you received stated that under the Act, public bodies are not required to provide an interpretation of data. This should have read "an interpretation of legislation". I apologise for this error.

To answer your questions 1a and b, it would be necessary for the Department to provide an interpretation of the legislation to which you refer. As the Department is unable to provide you with an interpretation of legislation, it is unable to answer these questions.

The review has concluded that the remainder of the reply you received was reasonable and balanced, and should therefore stand.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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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@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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