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Ref: FOI2019/25250

Dear Ms Hart

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your email of 7th July 2019 in which you asked:

Please kindly provide a copy of letters the department has received from Coroners dated 2018 which were not Regulation 28. Names of the deceased may be redacted as necessary if present.

The Department may hold information falling within the description specified in your request. It may help if I explain that the Department employs approximately 75,000 people over 700 geographical sites, any of whom may hold correspondence received from Coroners in 2018.

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations 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 it.

Under S.12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

Under S.16 of the Freedom of Information Act we should help you refine your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit. You might like to narrow your request by restricting it to specific business or geographical areas of the Department or perhaps to a particular person. However, we advise this would be exempt from disclosure as it

would fall under the exemption in Section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act, which relates to prohibitions on disclosure.

S.123 of the Social Security Administration Act (SSSA) 1992 makes it an offence for anyone who is employed in social security administration to disclose without lawful authority any information acquired in the course of that employment and which relates to a particular person. The information that you have requested would, if held, be subject to this provision and disclosing such information, even in anonymised or summarised form, would allow individuals to be identified.

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

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk. or by writing to:

DWP, Central Fol 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