DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: VTRIR501

11 June 2013

Dear Janice McClelland,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) review request, which we received on 5 June.

I am independent of the person who dealt with your request previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I am now in a position to respond to you.

You have said:

I am really disappointed that I have not received a response within the legal time frame. Please urgently reply to me with an explanation.

Your original request asked:

Please would you send me a list of every employer signed up to the Two Ticks positive about disabled people scheme.

I am sorry that you think that DWP have failed to respond to your request within the legal time frame.

I have investigated this and have found that a response to your question was issued on 15 May 2013. I have further checked the What Do They Know website and this confirms that the response to you was published on 15 May 2013.

You can view your request timeline here:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/list_of_two_ticks_accredited_com and the response itself here:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/160047/response/389951/attach/4/2068%20Response.pdf and the list of Two Ticks employers here:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/160047/response/389951/attach/3/Disability%20Symbol%20Employer%20List%20as%20at%2014052013.pdf

We received your original request on 2 May. DWP is required to respond to FOI requests within 20 working days. This would have meant that you were due a response by 3 June at the latest. As the response was published on the What Do They Know website on 15 May I find that DWP met its obligation to respond to you within the time limit specified by legislation.

I am content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for Fol requests.

I hope this is helpful but 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

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing <u>freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk</u> or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, 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.gov.uk