

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-rexxxxx@xxx.xxx.xxx.xx

Our Ref: VTR 2726 & 2873

09 August 2012

Dear Mr Zola,

Thank you for your two Freedom of Information request which we received on 13 July and 25 July 2012. In that request, you asked:

FOI 2726

Can you ask your Mandatory Work Activity (MWA) Prime Providers/Contractors and then collate the response on how many of the organisations listed below are providing 4 week 30 hour per MWA placements? Not interested to confirm the names, just how many of 401 names below are providing 4 week 30 hour per week MWA placements?

FOI 2873

I want the names of the 4 week 30 hour per week, Work Placement providers for Mandatory Work Activity during the last two months in: CPA 1, CPA 2, CPA 3, CPA 4, CPA 5, CPA 6, CPA 7, CPA 8, CPA 9, CPA 10 and CPA 11 for your successful bidders

I consider this request to be vexatious in nature and therefore under section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, the Department is under no duty to answer your request.

To be a vexatious request the Information Commissioners guidance notes state that we should consider, amongst other things, whether the request:

- would cause significant costs to DWP in replying,
- is designed to cause disruption or annoyance, and
- lacks any serious purpose or value.
- is harassing DWP or causing distress to staff,

You have already requested this information, or substantially similar information, from the Department which was refused under section 43. You have since appealed this decision through the Freedom of Information review process, where the original decision was upheld. Your request is now being reviewed by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

I believe that asking for the same or substantially similar information, while the ICO is still investigating your original request, is vexatious and is designed to cause disruption, annoyance and cost to the Department.

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, Caxton House, Tothill Street, 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