

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR70

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Dear Mr Slater,

I am writing in response to your review request received on 25 February 2016. An internal review has been carried out by someone of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your original request. I am now in a position to respond to you. In your review request you said:

*"I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Milestone Schedule for Universal Credit Programme Showing 2021 completion'.*

*The DWP stated "Accordingly, I hope to let you have a response by 1February 2016. " Given that it is now the 24th February 2016 does the DWP have any intention of responding (and complying with the FOIA) or should I just refer the matter to the Commissioner?"*

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

The review concluded that there was an unnecessary delay in handling your request. I apologise for this. We will send a response in the near future.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy FoI Team

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#### **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)