

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2020/06246

25 February 2020

Dear Mr McGregor,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 11 February. You asked:

*Please could you provide information relating to your HMRC-linked interface. In particular, in situations where the NRP is employed through their own company and data is missing for one tax year, but is available for other years either side, does this mean that both a tax return and PAYE data was not submitted to HMRC for that year?*

*For example:*

*2013/14: X Income*

*2014/15: Y Income*

*2015/16: No data*

*2016/17: Z Income*

*Would the income later show up in the system if the tax return and/or PAYE data was submitted late? If so, how long after submission of the tax return and/or PAYE data would it take for the income to display in the system?*

## **DWP Response:**

It may be helpful if I start by clarifying the remit of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA gives any person legal right of access to any and all recorded information which is held by a public authority. The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create new information to answer questions; nor does it require a public authority to give advice, opinion or explanation in relation to issues/policies under question.

If you ask a question, rather than requesting recorded information, we will provide you with the recorded information that best answers the question. Once we have provided the recorded information, we have met our obligations under the Act

We have no recorded information regarding your request. This is because you are asking for information relating to how information would be treated and recorded by HMRC on their systems. You may wish to direct your request to them.

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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If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.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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