

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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

Our Ref: 2014-5474

13 January 2015

Dear Anna Smith,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 23 December 2014.
You asked:

**"I refer to the dataset "Jobseeker's Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance sanctions: decisions made to June 2014" which can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/jobseekers-allowance-and-employment-and-support-allowance-sanctions-decisions-made-to-june-2014> (Table 1.3)**

These figures are of little value unless scaled by the number of JSA claimants in each Jobcentre office. I have obtained these claimant figures from Nomis, but it quickly became apparent that Nomis is using a different set of Jobcentre office IDs (compare the offices named for Birmingham, for example). With no common ID, it is not possible to match the numbers together.

Data on JSA claimants are not available by Jobcentre from the DWP Tabtool. I would therefore be grateful if you would supply me with the figures for total JSA claimants by Jobcentre, using the same Jobcentre IDs as in the sanctions release of November 2014. Preferably this would be month-by-month for the whole period Oct 2014 - Nov 2014.

**Please note that you granted an identical request in 2012:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jobseekers-allowance-claimants-by-jobcentre-plus-district-from-march-2008-to-october-2012-20132296>"**

Unfortunately, we are unable to proceed with your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive. To help us do so, we would like to know if the period you have requested is correct, October 2014 to November 2014?

Please note that if we do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements within three months from the date of this letter, then we will consider your request closed.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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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