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Our Ref: FOI2020/66460

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Dear Alice Welsh,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 2nd November. You wrote:

"I make this request on behalf of the EU Rights and Brexit Hub.

I am writing to request information on the number of F-001 requests and provisional payments. At paragraph 7.6 in the explanatory memorandum on the Social Security Coordination Regulations, it is stated that that the provision regarding provisional payments is 'very rarely used (provisional payments have only ever been paid by DWP in two instances)' (found here:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/722/pdfs/uksiem 20190722 en.pdf).

Please could you, within the limits of the FOIA, provide an answer to the following question:

1.How many F-001 requests for information have been submitted by DWP to other EU Member States since 1 May 2010?"

DWP Response

The Department does not hold any form entitled "F-001".

With regards to paragraph 7.6 that you refer to, the Department does not keep records of cases where there is a dispute with an EU Member State regarding competence to pay benefits, or where a provisional payment has been made.

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

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DWP Central Freedom of Information Team Department for Work and Pensions

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