

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: 2018-3232

2 August 2018

Dear Simon Ali,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 18 July 2018.  
You asked:

**“Please provide answers to the following questions:**

- 1. How many individual households that in receipt of more than £1000 a week/£52000 a year in State Social Security Benefits (total from all possible state benefits such as DLA, housing benefit and tax credit)?)**
- 2. How many individual households that in receipt of more than £1500 a week/£75000 a year in State Social Security Benefits (total from all possible state benefits such as DLA, housing benefit and tax credit)?)**
- 3. How many individual households that in receipt of more than £500 a week/£25000 a year but below £1000 a week/ £52,000 a year, in State Social Security Benefits (total from all possible state benefits such as DLA, housing benefit and tax credit)?)**
- 4. What is the highest weekly/yearly benefit amount/handout that is currently received by a family in the UK? in other words, what is the highest state benefit amount/handout that is currently received by a State benefit beneficiary/claimant in the UK? can you break it down by the type of benefit (i.e. how much from each kind of state benefit?)”**

On this occasion the Department will not be processing your response further because your request does not comply with Section 8(1)(b) of the FOI Act. This means that to comply with your request the department requires that you give your full real name. The Information Commissioner (ICO) has issued guidance for public authorities on this topic which can be accessed via the following link:

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If you would like to submit your request again using a name that satisfies the above requirement DWP will reconsider it. Please note if you do not wish your name to appear on a

public website then you can raise your request by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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### **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](mailto: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 <https://ico.org.uk/>