

1 June 2016

Dear C. Richardson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 4 May 2016.

You asked:

“q1.

How many people on ESA have returned a PW1 form to the DWP to do permitted work, and subsequently been reassessed for ESA before the planned end date of their award.

Could this information be given as;

1.1) Those in the Work Related Activity Group

1.2) Those in the Support Group

Additionally;

q2.

How many people on ESA and DLA or PIP have returned a PW1 form to the DWP to do permitted work, and subsequently been reassessed for DLA or PIP before the planned end date of their award.

Could this information be given as;

2.1) Those in the Work Related Activity Group

2.2) Those in the Support Group

q3.

For questions 1 and 2, could you give a breakdown of;

3.1) How long the award was for

3.2) How long the award had left to run”

In response to your query as a whole, we can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

Under section 16 of the FOIA we are obliged to assist you in providing options to narrow your request, by reforming or refocusing it, so that it will fall beneath the cost limit. In this case our advice would be to narrow your question so that it only asks for information on:

- The number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants undertaking permitted work by phase of claim and prognosis,
- Whether they have a concurrent Disability Living Allowance (DLA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) claim.

We will consider afresh any revised request however we cannot guarantee that any revised request will fall within the cost limit.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central FoI Team

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 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/>