

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**  
**Central Freedom of Information Team**

freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

**Our reference:** IR 344

**Date:** 23 August 2016

Dear Mr Logan

**Re: Internal Review of VTR 2870**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) review request, which we received on 11 August 2016.

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request; I was not involved previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I am now in a position to respond to you.

**You have asked us:**

*The law is.....Anyone is entitled to record/photograph a government agent carrying out their duty in a public area.*

*1) Are you telling me that The Jobcentre Plus buildings have no public areas? It is my understanding that you have got this information incorrect. They are not private buildings. Like Libraries, where I am allowed to record in the public areas, they are owned/rented by the Taxpayer. In my government's construction plans given out to the main contractor who refurbished the JobCentre Plus buildings across the UK, it states that 'Two Public Areas' must be created. All staff who work for the government are classed as 'Agents' and the law states agents can be recorded carrying out their duties in public areas. Please explain why you think you are above the law.*

**Our Response:**

The Freedom of Information Act gives you a legal right of access to any recorded information held by a public authority. We do not have to provide opinions or explanations, generate answers to questions, or create or obtain information we do not hold. I am content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for FOI requests and I uphold the original response. This is because the relevant information we hold was provided; any other issues raised are not within the FOI parameters.

I hope this is helpful but 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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### **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 [www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](http://www.ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745