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John Logan Sent via email

Dear Mr Logan,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 11 January 2017. You asked:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Photographing in a public area....'.

I have been told that DWAP buildings are private buildings. It is my understanding that they are in fact government buildings, paid for by the tax payer. They themselves refer to 'Public Areas' in the buildings and have public access. They have not shown me any Law that gives a private security guard power over the public in a public area.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/photographing_in_a_public_area

DWP Response

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review

I am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your request was correct. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows.

As part of the PRIME contract DWP leases its buildings and does not own any buildings as such the buildings are private property. The DWP invites members of the public into the buildings to carry out official DWP business and this business takes place in an area called a public area as opposed to a staff area.

It is not a public area in the sense that anyone has open access to it, and this area is managed accordingly by Telereal Trillium and their Security Service Suppliers, G4S.

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

Yours sincerely,

letter.

DWP Caxton House Commercial Directorate Correspondence 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@dwp.gsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London. SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this

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