

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

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Our reference: IR212

Date: 16 May 2017

Dear Ms Sunley

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) review request, which we received on 1 May 2017. You have asked us:

"I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'PIP Face to face dispute'. It has been refused on the grounds that it would cost over 600 pounds. one person working for three and a half days does this mean that everybody in the department earns over 855 pounds a week .Could you explain how you arrive at this figure."

DWP Response:

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.

I am content that your original request was dealt with in accordance with DWP guidelines for FOI requests. The appropriate limit of £600 is set by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. I have included a link to the legislation below for your reference.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3244/regulation/3/made>

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

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 Fol 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 or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745