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Our Ref: FOI 1618

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Dear JayneL,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 18 April 2015. You asked:

When determining to have only 2 rates for PIP - standard and enhanced, instead of the 3 rates for DLA; what risk assessments were done to identify the number of claimants transferring from DLA would lose substantial amounts of money.

For example a High + Mid rate DLA claimant moving to 2 Standard rates loses approx £150 a month in real money and associated support (free car tax, bus passes etc)

What was the number of PIP claimants expected to be placed in this position

The Department for Work and Pensions published the impact assessment about the reform of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and the introduction of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) on 15 May 2012 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-reform-personal-independence-payment-impact-assessment>. Some of the information in that document in relation to the impact on existing DLA claimants was updated on 19 December 2012 and was published here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/timetable-for-introducing-personal-independence-payment-and-estimates-of-projected-caseloads-policy-briefing-note>. Although that analysis does not show the proportion of people getting less, more or the same under PIP than in DLA by the original DLA payment combination, it does show broad outcomes e.g. that there will be 510,000 gainers (table 6) and that we expect a higher proportion of the PIP caseload to be receiving both the higher rates than was the case under DLA (tables 7 and 8).

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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