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Dear JayneL,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request, received on 1 May 2015. You asked:

Thank you for your response [to VTR1618] however both links you offer result in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-reform-%20personal-independence-payment-impact-assessment>. Page not found 404 Error notices. Please either send appropriate links or direct me to the appropriate pages

Further how can a risk assessment only show the gainers and not the losers; the purpose of this process is to determine what might cause harm to people and decide whether you are taking reasonable steps to prevent that harm? What is the DWP Definition of a Risk Assessment?

You have been provided with the working links asked for separately.

The 'Personal Independence Payment Reassessments and Impacts' document, referred to in the original response, does include both the numbers receiving DLA who are expected to see an increased award as well as those likely to see a decrease following the introduction of PIP in table 6. This shows that by May 2018 we expect 510,000 (29%) to have their award decreased and 450,000 (26%) to no longer receive an award.

Tables 7 and 8 also shows the breakdown of award rates we expect in May 2018 under PIP, following DLA reassessments, compared to the breakdown if no reform was introduced. We believe around 23% of claimants will be in receipt of the highest levels of award (enhanced/enhanced), compared to 16% with no reform, and that 59% of claimants will be receiving either daily living, mobility or both elements at an enhanced rate, compared to 54% if the reforms didn't take place.

The documents referred to in the original response are not risk assessments but are, rather, impact assessments. An impact assessment is both:

- A continuous process to help think through the reasons for government intervention, to weigh up various options for achieving an objective and to understand the consequences of a proposed intervention; and
- A tool to be used to help develop policy by assessing and presenting the likely costs and benefits and the associated risks of a proposal that might have an impact on the public, business or civil society organisations, the environment and wider society over the long term.

An impact assessment allows Ministers, and those with an interest in the proposed measure area, to understand:

- a. Why the Government is proposing to intervene;
- b. The main options the Government is considering, and which one is preferred;
- c. How, and to what extent, new policies may impact on different stakeholders; and
- d. The estimated costs and benefits of proposed measure.

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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