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Our Ref: VTR 1422

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Date: 23 April 2015

Dear Jo Archer

Thank you for your email of 2 April 2015. Your request has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request

Please would you send me the number of prosecutions undertaken by the CSA against NRPs specifically for 'Diversion of Income' over the last ten years, and their outcome.

Our response

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is responsible for the child maintenance system in Great Britain.

Information on the underlying reasons for prosecutions is not routinely recorded for management information purposes and we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, which for central Government has been set in Regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.50 working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the FOIA the Department is not obliged to comply with your request.

Information on the total number of prosecutions in relation to cases administered by the Child Support Agency is published on page 44 of the <u>Child Support Agency</u> <u>Quarterly Summary of Statistics</u>, which contains Enforcement data up to November 2014.

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

Yours sincerely

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