

Our Ref: Fol 2912

Date: 12 July 2018

Dear D. Moore,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 23 June 2018. You asked:

I wish to resubmit my request to come within your £600 limit

1. Please provide all recorded information related to the processing of Subject Access Requests and your UJ replacement, 'Find a Job'.

and then if within your fees please

2. provide details of all field headings in Find a Job that would be captured by a Subject Access Request.

and then if within your fees please

3. provide all recorded information relating to how you can access a particular Find a Job account, with or without the holder's express consent.

and then if within your fees please

4. provide all category headings of statistical information that you record in relation to Find a Job e.g. number of accounts created each month, number of benefit claimants who created accounts, number of job applications made.

and then if within your fees please

5. provide a copy of any minutes or reports concerning EU competition rules and the Department's legal authority to mandate benefit claimant's to create a Find a Job account.

DWP Response:

The FoI Act provides that requests can be aggregated for the purpose of estimating whether the cost limits apply. This is where more than one request has been made within 60 consecutive working days relating to the same or similar information and the requests have been made by the same person.

This includes adding to the estimated costs of complying with a later request, the cost of complying with a request that has already been answered.

I wrote to you on 23rd June 2018 to say that I could not proceed with your request without clarification of the information you seek since it was too broad in nature and needed to be refined to ensure it does not exceed the disproportionate cost limit.

In this instance the Department has decided to aggregate the above request for cost purposes because we estimate that your current request would still exceed the Freedom of Information 60 consecutive working days. Your email contains multiple requests and therefore is treated as a whole, rather than being broken down into separate parts until the cost limited is hit.

I can confirm that we hold some of the information falling within the description specified in your request. However, we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit for central Government, set by regulations at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting it.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not therefore obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing it further.

Under section 16 of the Act we should help you narrow your request so that it may fall beneath the cost limit.

You should focus on one area of interest in your request instead of requesting information on multiple subject areas.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol 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.gov.uk

