

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: IR 452

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Dear D Moore,

I am writing in response to your review request received on 22 October 2016. An internal review has been carried out by someone of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your original request. I am now in a position to respond to you. In your review request you said:

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'The National Trust's role in forced unpaid labour schemes (revised request)'.

I was expecting a response by yesterday, but I have not received one.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

The reply to your Freedom of Information 3516 request was sent to you on 23 November 2016 and it was late. I realise that the extra time taken will have been disappointing and frustrating for you, and I apologise for this. Your request for a review is therefore upheld.

Please accept our apologies.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy FoI Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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