

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 5785

13 December 2013

Dear Charles Bell,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 11 December 2013. You asked for:-

*In relation to certain State Benefits the right to payment or the proportion thereof is determined according to the savings or investments held by a claimant.*

*Do you treat the following as savings or investments for the purpose of the calculation and, if so, how do you value them?*

*1st World War Medals; in use antique furniture; gold coins such as kruggerands, Canadian Maples; tokens for laundrettes, car ;parks etc; bitcoin; gold coins of numanistic value minted by countries within the European Union but before the creation of the Euro; English gold sovereigns.*

You can expect a reply by 13 January 2014 unless I need to come back to you to clarify your request or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered.

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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If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

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