

DWP Policy Group Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/31589

9 September 2019

Dear Sean Brawley,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 23 August. You asked:

*Thank you for your helpful response.*

*As suggested, I will resubmit a limited request as below:*

*-Please provide data on the number of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) FtT hearings where a Presenting Officer did not attend from April 1st 2016 onwards.*

**DWP Response:**

I can confirm that we hold the recorded information to respond to your request.

Information on the number of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) appeals cleared at an oral hearing where a Presenting Officer did not attend is shown in the table below.

**ESA and PIP appeals cleared at an oral hearing**

	<b>Presenting Officer did not attend the hearing</b>	<b>Presenting Officer did attend the hearing</b>
2016_17	110,670	8,140
2017_18	92,970	38,620
2018_19	95,890	26,350

Great Britain only.

Appeals may have more than one hearing, including where hearings are adjourned. The figures in the table above only include oral hearings where the appeal was cleared. They also exclude paper hearings.

This data is unpublished data. It should be used with caution and it may be subject to future revision.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Policy Group FoI Team

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**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@dwpgov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwpgov.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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