

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR 2590

DATE: 13 July 2015

Dear Fred Rogers FTR Group,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 8 June. You asked:

What recorded information do you hold on the United Nations Disability Rights Committee?

When is the Committee going to launch its investigations against the UK for alleged Systemic Human Rights Violations against Disable People?

When can the UK Public expect to see the report?

Is the ODI concerned about being the first Member State to be investigated under the UNCRPD ?

What went wrong? for example was it the bedroom tax, suicide rates, food banks, welfare cuts, that has led to this embarrassing situation ?

The information you require is not available under the Freedom of Information Act as the exemption contained in Section 27 on International Relations applies. All United Nations inquiry processes are confidential. That confidentiality should be respected.

The British Government has a long standing commitment to supporting human rights and we play a leading role internationally, including at the United Nations. The UK cooperates fully with the United Nations and supports its treaty monitoring mechanisms.

Information about the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities may be found on the United Nations website here:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/CRPDIndex.aspx>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central 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 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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