

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR IR327

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Dear John Slater,

Thank you for your review request in which you say:

The DWP has failed to comply with the statutory 20 day deadline. I am requesting an internal review to provide an explanation for the delay and make sure that the requested data is provided without further delay.

The review was conducted by an independent official of the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests.

You submitted your original request on Saturday 14 April 2012. As that is not a working day we recorded receipt on Monday 16 April. I calculate 20 working days from there as Tuesday 15 May. The reply was issued on the 15 May at 12.46. I conclude therefore that the statutory deadline of 20 working days has been met.

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 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