

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team
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Our Ref: Fol 822

Date: 22nd March 2018

Dear Ms Sunley,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 28 February 2018. You asked:

In your publication Universal credit statistical ad hoc waiting days published September 2017 .In the paragraph under the heading What you need to know - Universal credit - Policy background. What is meant in line 5 and 6 where it says (evidence shows people are moving into work faster and working longer) and can you provide the statistical evidence to support this also the parameters used to validate this conclusion

DWP Response

I can confirm that the Department holds information you are seeking. However, the information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Three separate studies have provided evidence that people on Universal Credit move into work faster: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-estimating-the-early-labour-market-impacts-updated-analysis>.

Latest analysis of the short term impacts of Universal Credit on labour market outcomes can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-employment-impact-analysis-update>

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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