

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 2411

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Dear Jayne,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 14 June. You asked:

*In your recent response to FOI - Hardship Fund for claimant facing financial difficulties? made 28 April 2015 by JCG ; on May 29 2015 you stated "A commitment was made to publish updated figures in May 2015 during the Work and Pensions Select Committee review of sanctions in February 2015."*

*Therefore, my request is where and when are these numbers to be published?*

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will publish figures on the number of hardship applications and awards in the summer of 2015. These will be available on the gov.uk web site.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol 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 Fol 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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