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Dear JayneL,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) internal review request received on 2 July 2015. You asked:

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Updated data for Hardship Fund'.

Many thanks for your response however, please clarify WHEN in the "summer of 2015" this figures will be published?

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address: https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/updated_data_for_hardship_fund

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed and that I was unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review I am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your request was correct. The reasoning behind this decision is as follows:

Currently we do not have a set date for publication of the hardship statistics, however we will provide further information on the Gov.UK website when this has been agreed. The Department intends to publish figures on the number of hardship applications and awards over the summer to allow more recent figures to be included than those that could be included in May.

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

Yours sincerely,

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