Freedom of Information request IR48/2013

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Information request and DWP response

I am writing in response to your review request received on 14 January 2013. An internal review has been carried out by someone of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your original request. I am now in a position to respond to you. In your review request you said:

'I just wanted to establish from Mr Hoban's statement what was concrete and what was meaningless rhetoric – all the latter it seems. If this work is still "in production", he has effectively announced an intention without the faintest idea if it is possible. He will no doubt soon be claiming success on all fronts too without one shred of evidence to support it.'

Having concluded my review, I am satisfied that we responded correctly to your request for information relating to appeals on measuring improvements, ensuring evidence is provided at the right time, and speeding up the appeals process.