

Freedom of Information request 2013-2569

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Information request

Numbers of people over the last 15 years _ broken down:-

- (i) nationally & by region;
- (ii) by relevant benefit category

who receive/received either:-

- (a) Carer's Allowance; or
- (b) Carer's Premium

AND who also receive/received at the same time either:-

- (1) Incapacity Benefit; or
- (2) Severe Disablement Allowance; or
- (3) Income Support (in lieu of Incapacity Benefit); or
- (4) Employment & Support Allowance (Support Category)

DWP response

I response to your questions the available information is given in the attached document (FOI 2013-2569 Table). This shows the number of people in receipt of Carer's Allowance (CA) from November 2003 to November 2012 and of these those who are also in receipt of; Incapacity Benefit (IB) / Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA), Income Support (IS) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA), in the Support Group, by Region.

I can confirm that the Department does hold some of the information you have requested prior to 2003 and information on the number of people in receipt of a Carer's Premium and also those in receipt of ESA, in the Support Group, prior to 2010. However, we estimate that the cost of retrieving this information would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.