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Information request

'This request relates to the following regulation (statutory instrument):
S.I.:2012/2994: The Benefit Cap (Housing Benefit) Regulations 2012
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/2994/contents/made>

For this regulation: please supply:

- 1) a copy of the consultation documents which emerged from the statutory procedure the Secretary of State was obliged to follow under section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 when making the regulations.
- 2) a copy of the report on each of them under section 174(1) of the 1992 Act, of the Social Security Advisory Committee (constituted under section 9 of the Social Security Act 1980'.

DWP response

The Benefit Cap (Housing Benefit) Regulations were not subject to statutory referral to the Social Security Advisory Committee (SSAC) as it was planned that they be made within six months of the commencement of the relevant enabling power. Nevertheless, given the scope and importance of the reforms, Ministers asked SSAC to undertake a special exercise to scrutinise the regulations.

Please find below a link to a report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under Sections 174(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in accordance with Section 174 (2) of that Act.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/185958/ssac-universal-credit-report.pdf

The report covers the Social Security Advisory Committee's (SSAC) consultation on the draft Universal Credit Regulations 2013 along with others which include the Benefit Cap (Housing Benefit) Regulations. The report also includes the Governments response to the SSAC recommendations