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Information request and DWP response

Hansard reveals DWP have agreed with the president of the SS&CSA tribunal standardised reasons for final decision.

Can I please have copies ?

Please find below a link to a report published in November 2012 which both explains what has been agreed and gives results from a pilot exercise held between July and October 2012.

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/adhoc_analysis/2012/sscs_appeals.pdf

does dwp give example final tribunal decisions and reasons for the final decisions to tribunal judges ?

The DWP provides an appeal response for each tribunal hearing. The response sets out in detail why the decision appealed against was made. The link below provides further information about the response:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/dmqch06.pdf> - see para 06330 et seq

If a decision of the First-tier Tribunal is further appealed to the Upper Tribunal, the DWP provides a submission, either explaining why the Secretary of State is appealing the tribunal's decision or a submission responding to the claimant's appeal. In either case the reasons for the First-tier Tribunal's decision is before the Upper Tribunal Judge.

Tribunal decisions are drafted by each tribunal Judge and are specific to the case being heard. DWP does not provide guidance or example decisions to tribunal judges.