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Information request

For the most recent financial year please provide details of:

- i. ICE's average sickness absence (Full Time Equivalent),
- ii. the sickness absence (Full Time Equivalent) by unit, section, department etc and identify the number of personnel (Full Time Equivalent) working in each,
- iii. the 10 longest single periods of sickness absence and specify the unit, section, department etc to which each relates, and;
- iv. the greatest total amount of sickness absence by a single member of ICE staff.

DWP response

- i. The average working days lost due to sickness absence for the Independent Case Examiner's Office was 8.1 days in 2013/14.
- ii. Due to staff turnover and movement within the ICE Unit, which is a regular occurrence and is not recorded routinely, it would prove extremely difficult to provide you with the information you request with any accuracy and we estimate that the cost in trying to do so would exceed the appropriate limit of £600.00. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600.00. 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.
- iii. The 10 longest periods of sickness absence for the Independent Case Examiner's office in 2013/14, are as follows:
 - 75 working days by 1 person
 - 64 working days by 1 person
 - 60 working days by 1 person
 - 55 working days by 1 person
 - 52 working days by 2 people
 - 41 working days by 2 people
 - 40 working days by 1 person

- 21 working days by 1 person
- 19 working days by 1 person
- 14 working days by 1 person

We are unable to provide the additional information you asked for because of the reasons given in the response to question ii.

iv. 87 working days