

# **Freedom of Information request 2014-IR487**

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## **Information request**

However what I wanted was the number of Jobseekers Directions broken down by jobcentre as originally requested as this has a bearing on the purpose of my request.

The fact that they are double the 800 that they started at and peaked at 4,000 is interesting but it does not bring out how it was spread out.

You directed me to the Office of National Statistics website but the information is inappropriately formatted to be meaningful e.g. for April 2012 the total number of claimants on the register at Leicester's Jobcentres is reported as:

05817 - Leicester B 05818 - Leicester C 05819 - Leicester D 05816 -  
Leicester Wellington  
4,183 7,234 # 199

Leicester has three jobcentres, Charles Street, New Walk and Wellington Street. Given that Wellington is about the same size as New Walk the figure of 199 seems implausible. I also doubt whether either New Walk or Charles have twice as many claimants as the other. Obviously I also need to be able to identify which branches Leicester A and B are.

## **DWP response**

In response to question 1, figures were provided and I can confirm that they were not to the level you requested. I apologise for this oversight.

Please find attached a file (FOI 2014-IR487 response.xls) which includes the number of Jobseeker Directions issued for each Jobcentre in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire District monthly, over the last two years.

In response to question 3, for the number of individuals claiming JSA in each month, from the claimant count; Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows the Department to direct you to information that is already reasonably accessible to you and instructions on how to do this were provided. However I understand that the Jobcentre Office codes for Leicester are unclear so please find below the Jobcentre Office mappings for the Leicester Jobcentres that you queried:

<b>NOMIS Office name</b>	<b>Jobcentre Plus Office</b>
Leicester B	Leicester New Walk
Leicester C	Leicester Charles Street
Leicester D	Leicester Charles Street
Leicester Wellington Street	Leicester Wellington Street
Wigston	Leicester Wellington Street