

Freedom of Information request IR853/2012

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Information request

'After receiving insider information from an old contact, I wrote to the DLA with a Freedom of Information Act Request. I wanted to know if the Government, a Government Department or someone representing the Government told/ordered the DLA or DWP to turn down or cut the number of people who SHOULD be getting DLA.

I received a reply dated 5 December 2012 Ref Fol 4528. It did not answer my specific question but directed me to web-sites instead. I am well aware that what a Policy states in writing and what the Government secretly passes on are 2 different things. I must demand an ACTUAL answer to my Fol request mentioned in the above paragraph. Be advised - I know there is a better than 98% chance you will lie.'

DWP response

The review was conducted by an independent official of the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests. The case has been examined afresh, and guidance has been sought from domain experts to ensure all factors were taken fully into account.

I have conducted a review of the original response from our Department and I am content that it answers your request.