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Information request

Please provide the following information on the number of people asked to undergo the Genuine Prospect of Work assessments between 1st August 2014 and 31st October 2014.

- 1) The total number of people asked to undergo the assessment.
 - 2) The number of people who are UK nationals.
 - 3) The number of people who are EEA nationals.
 - 4) The number of people who are non-EEA nationals
 - 5) The number of people who are non-EEA nationals and who did not have a right to reside under EU law.
 - 6) The number of people who are EEA nationals who were not asserting a right to reside as new jobseekers or retained workers in their applications for JSA.
 - 7) The number of people in (6) who were still asked to undergo the GPoW assessment.
- 8) Please also confirm if the assessment of whether a person is asked to undergo the Genuine Prospect of Work assessment is based on nationality, or if there is an assessment of what right to reside the person in question is exercising. If the latter is the case, please outline whether and how the Department of Work and Pensions captures statistical data of what right to reside the person is exercising.

DWP response

I can confirm that the Department holds the information you are seeking. However, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts this information from disclosure. This is because the information is intended for publication at a future date.

This exemption requires the public interest for and against disclosure to be weighed in the balance. There is a public interest in information being released as soon as possible. However, I am satisfied that there is a strong public interest in permitting public authorities to publish information in a manner and form and at a time of their own choosing. It is a part of the effective conduct of public affairs that the general publication of information is a conveniently planned and managed activity within the reasonable control of public authorities I am satisfied that in the instance the Department has a reasonable entitlement to make its own arrangements to do so.