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Information request

I would be grateful if you can tell me how much money in totla was spent on Deaf people who use British Sign Language as their first, or preferred language and therefore those who book BSL interpreters who use the Access to Work scheme? In the years 2010 to 11, 2011 to 12, 2012 to 13 and 2013 to 14. And what months do the years from - is it the same as the tax year, that is April to March? Can you also tell me how much was spent on booking registered sign language interpreters (as a percentage of the total spent)?

DWP response

The amount spent by DWP on Deaf BSL users from the Access to Work scheme is as follows

Financial year (Apr-Mar)	BSL interpreter spend	Proportion of total AtW spend on BSL interpreter support
2010/11	£22,364,100	22%
2011/12	£24,106,800	25%
2012/13	£24,914,100	26%
2013/14	£25,221,200	24%

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