

# **Freedom of Information request 4393/2012**

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## **Information request**

Please provide:

- The minutes to date of the cross governmental ministerial group (and any sub groups/meetings) of disability employment which arose out of the Sayce review.
- The Terms of references and any other information held in respect of the above meetings
- A copy of any correspondence from the Home Office and UK Border Agency (previously known as Border and Immigration Agency (BIA) and Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) concerning Access to Work and funding of adjustments following the delegation of responsibility for funding adjustments in October 2006.

Please provide a copy of this information electronically if possible.

## **DWP response**

### **1. The minutes to date of the cross governmental ministerial group (and any sub groups/meetings) of disability employment which arose out of the Sayce review.**

The minutes of the Interministerial Group on disability employment are covered by Section 35 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which sets out an exemption from the right to know if the information in question is held by a government department relates to the formulation or development of government policy.

### **2. The Terms of references and any other information held in respect of the above meetings**

#### **AMENDED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Inter Ministerial Group on Disability Employment Terms of Reference**

## **Role of the Group**

The Cross-Government Ministerial Group on Disability Employment will lead the cross-government strategy for improving employment outcomes for disabled people.

## **Objective of the Group**

Establish leadership of the cross-government disability employment agenda to openly discuss, co-ordinate and combine efforts; to identify and secure resources; to progress, and resolve difficult issues; and to deliver progress towards employment outcomes for disabled people.

To deliver this objective members will act collectively and work across government to promote and drive forward a vision of “Achieving full potential in the workplace as a normal expectation and aspiration for disabled people.” A robust evidence base and consideration of the wider political context must be ensured in policy development.

The Group will have the chair of Equality 2025, the cross-government advisory committee as an external member, to represent the views of disabled people and offer expert opinion and advice on issues under discussion.

## **Programme of meetings**

There will be 3 meetings per year.

## **Members**

**Chair:** DWP Minister for Disabled people

**Members:** Department for Education, Department of Health, Department for Transport, Department for Business Innovation and Skills, Department for Communities and Local Government, Ministry of Defence and the Treasury, Rachel Perkins: Chair of Equality 2025 the cross-government non-departmental advisory body.

## **Secretariat**

The DWP's Disability and Work Opportunities Division will provide the secretariat function.

**3. A copy of any correspondence from the Home Office and UK Border Agency (previously known as Border and Immigration Agency (BIA) and Immigration and Nationality Directorate (IND) concerning Access to Work and funding of adjustments following the delegation of responsibility for funding adjustments in October 2006.**

A search of our electronic records has not revealed any correspondence from the Home Office and UK Border Agency (previously known as Border and Immigration Agency [BIA] and Immigration and Nationality Directorate [IND]) concerning Access to Work and funding of adjustments following the

delegation of responsibility for funding adjustments in October 2006, within the timeframe specified.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.