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Information request

Which members of the Royal Family, if any, receive a Winter Fuel Payment?
Does the Queen?

DWP response

Winter Fuel Payments are made to most people who have reached State Pension age for women, this means for Winter 2012/13 people born on or before 5 July 1951 are entitled.

Identifying details of customers who have received a Winter Fuel Payment constitutes third party personal data. The Department neither confirms nor denies that such information is held in this instance.

However you should know that such information would in any event be exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the FoI Act since disclosure would breach an individual's right to privacy contrary to the first principle of the Data Protection Act 1988.