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Information request

I am making a request for written official documentation regarding the claim made by a Department for Work and Pensions spokesman on the BBC online news, politics section dated the 21/Feb/2012, as stated in the following paragraph, and at any other time this claim has been made by any person working for or representing the Department for Work and Pensions.

[A Department for Work and Pensions spokesman said the Commons had "made its position clear on amendments which would result in additional spending". "The majority of the public agree with the government's welfare reforms and we look forward to delivering on these radical proposals that will make our welfare system better and fairer."]

DWP response

In response to A Department for Work and Pensions spokesman said the Commons had "made its position clear on amendments which would result in additional spending", this was set out by Chris Grayling in the House of Commons on 1 February (Hansard: 1 Feb 2012 : Column 826).

In response to "The majority of the public agree with the government's welfare reforms and we look forward to delivering on these radical proposals that will make our welfare system better and fairer", this references a poll from the Sunday Times from 22 January – "A new YouGov poll today shows overwhelming public support for the cap"