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Information request

I wish to know what percentage of PIP applications result in a reconsideration? Then what percentage of those are successful? How many go on to a tribunal and again how many are successful?

DWP response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

Information on the number of PIP initial claim registrations and clearances, and the number of PIP reconsideration registrations and clearances (by type of clearance) is published each quarter, and can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/personal-independence-payment-april-2013-to-april-2015> Please refer to tables 2A, 2B, 7A and 7B in the supporting excel data tables.

This information shows that as at 30th April 2015, the Department has cleared 810,500 PIP claims, of which 115,400 reconsiderations had been registered (14%).

Of those reconsiderations cleared (103,900), 20% resulted in the PIP award being changed (i.e. as a result of the reconsideration, a new decision has been issued and the award has been changed. This may include claims that were previously disallowed that are now awarded, or claims that had previously been awarded but the reconsideration has resulted in a change in the claim (e.g. revision to an assessment score) and this has affected the level of the award).

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) publish statistics on PIP appeals to the Social Security and Child Support Tribunal each quarter, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunals-and-gender-recognition-certificate-statistics-quarterly-january-to-march-2015> Please refer to tables 1.4, 2.6 and 2.7 in the 'January to March 2015 main tables' link for the appeals information you have requested.