

Freedom of Information request 1570/2012

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Information request

1. The number of media or press officers (see description below) who work for your organisation in Scotland
2. The sum total of the media or press officers' annual salaries for the past year (one figure)
3. The amount spent in the past year on external public relations agencies for issues about dealing with the media (one figure)
4. If money has been spent on external PR agencies as in question 3, above, please state the name/names of the agency/agencies

By media or press officers in 1 and 2, above, I mean staff who deal with journalists as a significant part of their job. These staff may go by other titles - for example communications officer, PR officer, PR manager, media manager, director of communications, director of media, corporate affairs officer (this list is not exhaustive - if in doubt, please contact me).

It may be your organisation does not have a specific media or press officer, and one or more members of staff are allocated responsibility for dealing with the media as a small part of their overall duties. If so, please state the job title/titles of these members of staff.

DWP response

1. There is currently one Press Officer working in Scotland for the Department of Work and Pensions.
2. I have interpreted question 2 as you asking for further information on the Press Officer working in Scotland. Information regarding individual salaries is withheld under data protection as it relates to a single member of staff. We do not provide personal data.
3. and 4. The Press Office, which handles issues dealing with the media, have not spent any money in the last year on external agencies.