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Information request

Following the announcement of 8th July , “Help for people on sickness benefits to address barriers to work”, I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information regarding Pilot Schemes since the beginning of the Welfare Reform process under this Government.

Could you please inform me of the following:

- i. How many pilot schemes have been carried out in relation to Welfare Reform policy under the Department for Work and Pensions?
 - a. Who did these pilot schemes target?*
 - b. What geographical location did these pilot schemes target**
- ii. What is the cost of running each of these pilot schemes?*
- iii. What independent analysis, if any, is carried out on each of the pilot schemes on their completion?*
- iv. What is the cost of independent analysis on each of the pilot schemes on their completion?*

DWP response

Name of Pilot Scheme	Target Group	Location	Cost of running the pilot scheme	Independent Analysis carried out	Cost of independent analysis
<i>Support for the very long term unemployed trailblazer</i>	Very long term unemployed JSA claimants.	Nottinghamshire Lincolnshire & Rutland, Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Northamptonshire, East Anglia.	£3.5 million, over 2 years (2010-2013).	Externally commissioned research was carried out, and is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/evaluation-of-support-for-the-very-long-term-unemployed-trailblazer-rr824	£280k
<i>Day One Support for Young People</i>	18 - 24 year olds with less than six months work history since leaving full-time education, making a claim for JSA (IB) during the period of the trailblazer.	North and South London Jobcentre Plus districts.	£12.3 million from November 2012-mid 2014. Funded through the European Social Fund (ESF).	Externally commissioned research involving interviews with JCP staff, provider staff and work placement hosts, as well as a survey/follow-up depth interviews with claimants.	£98,971.

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<i>Fortnightly Job Review Signing Trials</i>	'Flexible' and 'speed signing' targeted at people aged 18+ who made a claim to JSA, and 'weekly signing' targeted at JSA claimants aged 18+ whose claim had reached the 13-week point.	Greater Manchester and Essex (flexible signing); Western Scotland and East London (weekly); Greater Manchester, Surrey and Sussex (speed signing).	Cost has not been calculated.	Analysis carried out by DWP analysts.	None.
<i>Local Authority Pilots</i>	Various customer groups, including social housing tenants, the digitally and financially excluded, vulnerable people and those living in rural communities.	Lewisham, Bath, Oxford, Birmingham, Rushcliffe, Melton, West Lindsey, North Dorset, Dumfries and Galloway, North Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire, Caerphilly and Newport.	£1.4 million, over 12 months.	Analysis carried out by DWP analysts.	None.
<i>"Recovery Works", Work Programme Pilot.</i>	All claimants referred to the Work Programme on or after 2 April 2013, who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are in structured treatment for drug or alcohol 	Work Programme Contract Package Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 (East of England) & 	£3 million	An independent process evaluation has been commissioned covering both pilots, alongside analysis	£200k (approx)

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	dependency; or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • left structured treatment in the preceding six months; or • subsequently enter structured treatment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 (West Yorkshire). 		carried out by DWP analysts.	
<i>“Recovery and Employment”, Work Programme Pilot.</i>	All claimants with whom the Work Programme Provider is engaged on or after 2 April 2013, who have issues with drug or alcohol dependency.	Local Authorities in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham, • Coventry & • Warwickshire. 	Nil.		

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<i>Innovation Fund Pilots.</i>	Disadvantaged young people, and those at risk of disadvantage, with a particular focus on those aged 14 years and over.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birmingham, • Greater Manchester, • Greater Merseyside, • London, including areas in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brent - Ealing - Hackney - Hammersmith & Fulham - Haringey - Hounslow - Newham - Waltham Forest - Westminster, • Nottingham, • Perth and Kinross, • Cardiff, • Newport. 	£30million over three years, for social investment projects, funded through social investors and DWP	Externally commissioned research, covering: feasibility study focusing on impact assessment design, qualitative research on early implementation and delivery, an Impact Assessment.	£1m (approx)
<i>Right to Control</i>	People accessing one of six	Barnet, Essex,	£8.3 million, over 3	Externally	£1,188,000.00

<i>Trailblazers.</i>	cross-government funding streams: Work Choice, Adult Social Care, Access to Work, Disabled Facilities Grant, the ILF and Supporting People.	Leicester, the Manchester Area Partnership (MAP), Newham, Sheffield and Barnsley, and parts of Surrey	years (Dec 2010 – Dec 2013)	commissioned qualitative research on delivery, quantitative impact assessment and economic study.	
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