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Information request

As per my rights under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with the following information;

Any and all documents, which includes but is not limited to reports, results, surveys, consultation documents, held by your department which was used to complete any and all impact assessments which relates to the implementation of Personal Independence Payment (PIP), and the transfer from Disability Living Allowance to PIP.

Please also supply a copy of the final impact assessments.

DWP response

Throughout the development of Personal Independence Payment we have sought to be open and transparent. We have ensured that people know exactly what is happening. We have published a wide range of information to keep claimants, disability organisations and the media informed including providing answers to frequently asked questions, a range of statistical and ad-hoc reports and impact assessments.

Our impact assessments are produced by policy makers to consider the estimated costs and benefits of a policy when designing regulations. The Impact Assessment for Disability Living Allowance Reform outlines the estimated costs and benefits of introducing Personal Independence Payment for disabled people aged 16-64. The Department continues to carry out analysis of the likely impacts of its policies on protected groups, including disabled people. Impact assessments of policy changes are provided routinely, as required by the Equality Act 2010.

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

The Impact Assessment for Disability Living Allowance Reform published in May 2012 can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/174995/dla-reform-wr2011-ia.pdf.pdf

The Equality Impact Assessment can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/174970/eia-dla-reform-wr2011.pdf.pdf

These impact assessments contain references to any documents, such as reports and statistical publications, that were used to complete the assessments of the potential costs and benefits of reform.

Further information on the impact of the introduction of Personal Independence Payment can be found at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pip-reassessments-and-impacts.pdf>

Regarding consultation documents, please find below links to where you can find the consultation documents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/disability-living-allowance-reform>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/personal-independence-payment-assessment-thresholds>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/dla-reform-and-pip-completing-the-detailed-design>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disability-living-allowance-reform-consultation-responses>

The Government's responses to the consultation can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/181181/pip-assessment-thresholds-and-consultation-response.pdf

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/184961/pip-detailed-design-response.pdf