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Information request

on the 20 May 2013 you've replied to our request on evaluations in the field that were commissioned by the Department for Work and Pensions (and its predecessors). We requested a list of all evaluations (inhouse and external) from 1995 until today.

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/rrs-index.asp>

Thank you very much for that, we appreciated very much your quick help and response.

From our side there is still one question. For us it is very important to know, if there are further evaluations that were not published, or if all the research on the topic was actually published and included in the list. Please be so kind as to indicate whether there was further unpublished evaluative work. As far as it is possible to inform us, it would be also most helpful for us to know how many unpublished evaluations there were and as much information on them as possible.

DWP response

I can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However this information is not readily available and we therefore estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 due to the complexity involved in linking together data from different sources.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.