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Information request

A breakdown of how many (1) Crisis Loans, (2) Community Care Grants, and (3) Budgeting Loans were received by households in each lower tier English Local Authority and in each Local Authority in Scotland and Wales, from 2000, and

For each Local Authority and the above fiscal years, the amount of money spent on (1) Crisis Loans, (2) Community Care Grants, and (3) Budgeting loans.

DWP response

For the years 2005/6 and 2009/10 to 2011/12, the data is published, and may by found by using the following link.

http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130513091402/http://www.dwp.g ov.uk/local-authority-staff/social-fund-reform/localisation-data/

The data for the years 2000/1 to 2004/5 and 2006/7 to 2008/9 is not held by the department and we estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. 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.

Regarding the data you request for 2012/13, Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act exempts information requested by an applicant if it is intended for future publication. The Social Fund Reform Localisation Data for 2012/13 on DWP expenditure is intended for future publication, and it would not be fair if we provided you with this information ahead of that. We will write to you when this data has been published.