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Information request

I am writing to you with a request under the auspices of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information regarding the consultation carried out between 15 November 2012 and 15 February 2013 by the Department for Work and Pensions, entitled 'Measuring Child Poverty: A Consultation on Better Measures of Child Poverty', a response to which was published as part of the Child Poverty Unit's 'Consultation on the Child Poverty Strategy 2014-17', published on 27 February 2014.

- 1) With reference to paragraph 11 of Annex E of the response, the number and proportion of consultation respondents ticking each box in each question of the consultation response form.
- 2) With reference to paragraph 2 of Annex E of the response, the data gathered on the responses of individuals at the 17 consultation events held between 15 November 2012 and 15 February 2013.
- 3) In each case, please could you provide any analysis you have carried out on the responses received, as well as the specific information requested.

DWP response

We did not collect data specifically on numbers and proportions of respondents who ticked each of the boxes in the response form. This would have provided an incomplete picture of the responses given, as some of the consultation questions asked for free text answers and others were a mixture of free text and tick boxes. We did not expect respondents to confine their responses into this question structure, and most did not. Many had important issues they wanted to raise outside this structure and many provided us useful wider advice and suggestions on child poverty measurement. Our analysis was therefore built upon careful reading of each response in its entirety. To demonstrate the analysis we have undertaken, we have attached with this response a full set of tables showing the data we collected, broken down by respondent type.

The events held between 15th November 2012 and 15th February 2013 were designed to encourage discussion of the issues, and raise awareness of the consultation. Attendees did not submit individual responses at the events themselves but were encouraged to respond formally by completing and submitting a consultation form.

Please see responses to your first and second requests.