

Freedom of Information request 1576/2011

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Information request

1) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the recorded reasons for paying Incapacity Benefit (IB) to claimants residing in SCOTLAND in each of the financial years from 2000/01 to 2010/11 inclusive (11 sets of figures). This should include the medical reason for receiving the benefit (including obesity, stress, alcohol abuse, drugs abuse, coughs, bad chests etc), the number of claimants in each category, and the total cash sum in IB paid to claimants in each category.

2) Please provide a detailed breakdown of the recorded reasons for paying Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) to claimants residing in SCOTLAND in each in each of the financial years from inception to 2010/11. This should include the medical reason for receiving the benefit (including obesity, stress, alcohol abuse, drugs abuse, coughs, bad chests etc), the number of claimants in each category, and the total cash sum in ESA paid to claimants in each category.

DWP response

Following clarification of your request, this was reduced to providing IB/SDA and ESA caseloads for Scotland by detailed medical condition from 2000 to 2010.

The information is shown in the attached spreadsheet.