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Information request

In July 2013 the DWP published a statistical release regarding the Youth Contract Wage Incentives "Youth Contract Wage Incentive Payments – Experimental Statistics July". Although the statistical release contained details on the number of interim payments, balance payments and 26 week full payments etc., it did not mention the total amount of money that had been paid out up to that point. Could you please provide me with any relevant documentation that clarifies this?

DWP response

Expenditure on Wage Incentive payments for the audited period 2012/13 was £6,032,795.

The latest stats from April 2012 up to and including December 2013, show that thanks to the wage incentive scheme there have been 65,470 job starts and from June 2012 up to and including November 2013 there have been 10,030 young people, at risk of long term unemployment, who have had a wage incentive payment made to an employer.