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Information request

- 1. Please provide me with any documents which may have been the source of the claim in this article that nearly 60% of those assessed will get no award or a reduced award: "Ministers intend to reassess an initial 560,000 claimants, and expect that 330,000 – nearly 60 per cent – will get no award or a reduced sum after the checks."*
- 2. Please provide copies in digital format to the email address below. If it is not possible to send documents by email please send them on disc to the address below. Hard copies can also be sent to the address below if that is the only format available.*
- 3. Please deal with this request separately from any other request you may receive from this office.*

DWP response

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you. On 13th December 2012, alongside the Government's responses to the assessment criteria and the detailed rules underpinning PIP, we published a technical briefing note containing the details of the finalised reassessment strategy and impacts. The information can be found on the link below:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/disability/personal-independence-payment/briefing-notes/>

The Government is absolutely committed to supporting disabled people to lead full and active independent lives. This is principled reform to modernise the system for disabled people and ensure support is focused on those with the greatest needs. As a result of these reforms over 230,000 people will receive the same or a higher award under PIP than they currently receive under DLA by October 2015. This will rise to over three quarters of a million (780,000) by May 2018.

The assessment has been designed to ensure that those who leave the benefit are those with disabilities that have a relatively low impact on their participation in society. Many such people will find that their circumstances have improved since they were last assessed for DLA.