

Freedom of Information request 1209/2011

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Information request and DWP response

- 1) Between 12 May 2010 and 31st March 2011 please identify:
 - a. The amount spent in total on research and evaluation work your Department has commissioned during these dates (this may include studies with completion dates post 31st March 2011).
 - b. The project title and lead (whom the contract rests with) supplier of all projects commissioned during these dates by your Department
- 2) Between 12 May 2009 and 31st March 2010 please identify:
 - a. The amount spent in total on research and evaluation work your Department has commissioned during these dates (this may include studies with completion dates post 31st March 2010).
 - b. The project title and lead (whom the contract rests with) supplier of all projects commissioned during these dates by your Department
- 3) Between 12 May 2010 and 31st March 2011 please identify:
 - a. The project title and lead (whom the contract rests with) supplier of all projects that were contracted before May 2010 that were stopped before the full research design was completed
 - b. For projects identified at 3a) the total original contracted cost and the total of any payments including any cancellation costs incurred by your Department made to the suppliers identified
- 4) Between 12 May 2010 and 31st March 2011 please identify:
 - a. The total research and evaluation savings made by your department
 - b. How these savings have been used by your department and specifying whether invested in further research and evaluation work or other activities of your Department
- 5) The projected research and evaluation budget for your department for 2011/2012 including expenditure for research or evaluation commissioned prior to 2011/12

Our Response:

1) a: £2,727,215

1) b: See Annex 1

2) a: During this period we did not collate the specific information you require. We estimate that the cost of complying with this part of your request would result in the entire request exceeding the appropriate limit. 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 therefore we will not be processing this question within the request further.

2) b: See Annex 2. (Note this information is for the period 23/6/09 – 31/3/10. These are the only figures readily available without incurring disproportionate costs as described above)

3) a and b: The following table shows the title of ongoing research projects that have been stopped between 12 May 2010 and 31st March 2011, along with the original contract value, how much the contract will actually cost, the value of the saving and the supplier.

In the majority of cases where contracts were cancelled, the Department's project managers negotiated with suppliers to ensure that outputs useful to the Department such as datasets and reports were still produced during the contract notice period.

Ongoing Research Projects that have been cancelled between 12 May 2010 and 31 March 2011	Contracted Cost	Cost at Cancellation	Saving	Supplier
Local Employment Provision Evaluation	£555,000	£246,000	£309,000	IES
Balanced Score Card	£112,410.55	£17,923.10	£94,487.45	HOST
Jobsearch Project	£249,963.03	£102,031	£147,932.03	IER
JobCentre Plus Mystery Shopping	£325,327	£228,084	£97,243	GfK NOP
Lone Parent Policy Evaluation Research	£2,811,426*	£1,506,670	£1,304,756	CESI
Customer Insight team - "Provision of DWP Key Drivers Customer Satisfaction Survey".	£98,750	£18,450	£80,300	FDS International

* quoted in previous FOI as £1.9M which was figure agreed over 07 Spending Review

4) a: Please see the table above.

4) b: The savings are part of the overall Departmental savings and these savings are not re-allocated to any specific area of spending

5) £17M

Annex 1 – Projects commissioned between 12 May 2010 and 31 March 2011

Project Name	contractor
Right to Control Trailblazer Evaluation	Ipsos MORI
Offender employment review: qualitative study	Hallam University
Evaluation of Work Choice – Specialist Disability Employment Services	CESI
Evaluation of DWP Commissioning: examining the effect on specialist disability employment programmes	CESI
Study into School Gates employment support project	Institute for Economic Studies (IES)
Jobcentre Plus National Customer Experience / Satisfaction Survey (6 monthly)	TNS-BMRB
Jobcentre Plus Business Transformation- Digitalisation of Jobcentre Plus Service Delivery	TNS-BMRB
ESF Cohort study Wave 3	National Centre for Social Research (NatCen)
Evaluation of ESF P1 & P4 Extending Employment Opportunities to Adults & Young People	Ecorys
ESF Evaluation of sustainable development & green jobs	GHK
ESF Impact analysis Quality Assurance	National Institute for Economic & Social Research (NIESR)
Identifying Claimant's Skills Needs	IES
Employer Pension Provision Survey 2011	TNS-BMRB
IFS retirement consortium	Institute for Financial Studies (IFS)
Retirement income and adequacy	NatCen
Emerging priority - Single tier and the State Pension	TNS-BMRB
Emerging priority - The impact of uprating by CPI on occupational pension schemes	IFF Research Ltd
Information on Scheme Provision and Response to Regulatory Requirements	RS Consulting
Industry Response to the Workplace Pension Reforms	RS Consulting
Pension Landscape & Charges - methodological development stage	RS Consulting
Attitudes to ageing in Britain - Monitoring Indicators	Office for National Statistics (ONS)
A Qualitative Evaluation of Enhanced provision for JSA Customers Aged over 50	Insite
Behavioural theory and Extending Working Life Stages 1+2	University of Bath
Evidence review of smart card schemes in local authorities	RS Consulting

Active at 60 Local (smart card scheme) - Main Evaluation	NatCen
Evaluation of incapacity benefits reassessment trial	IFF Research Ltd
Unsuccessful ESA claims	IES
Evaluation of new medical statements ('Fitnote') Qualitative research with GPs	Brainbox Research Ltd
Evaluation of new medical statements ('Fitnote') Qualitative research with employers & employees	NIESR
Psychological distress among JSA claimants	NatCen
Fit for Work evaluation	IES
British Social Attitudes Survey	NatCen
Employer engagement target survey	FDS
FRS grossing factors	ONS
Making auto-enrolment work	Frontier Economics
Evaluation of JSA Skills training conditionality pilot	NIESR
Lessons learnt from the Australian employment model	CESI
Lenders and stakeholders views of the Homeowners Support Package	University of York
Information for individuals on workplace pension automatic enrolment	TNS-BMRB
Rapid evidence review: quantifying the effectiveness of interventions to people with common health conditions to stay in or return to work	University of Sheffield
Association of Business Schools project on Health, employee engagement and wellbeing	Association of Business Schools

ANNEX 2 Projects commissioned between 12 May 2009 and 31 March 2010

Project Title	Supplier
PDCS Quarterly Customer Sat project	BMRB
Updating FRS material deprivation items for families with children: discussion groups -	CRSP Loughborough
FACS Wave 10 2008 data quality assurance	University of Birmingham
Exploring effects of economic downturn on deprived areas & disadvantaged groups	Leeds Metropolitan University
LA Omnibus Survey Waves 20-25 -	GfK NOP
Right to Control Trailblazers	NatCen
Qualitative study exploring the influence of outcome based contracting in Provider-Led Pathways to Work	Policy Studies Institute (PSI)
European Social Fund – Support for In-Work Training Research	GHK Consulting
Pension industry responses to the Private Pension reforms	RS Consulting
Job Search Project	University of Warwick Institute for Economic Research(IER)
PA Skills Evaluation	University of Sheffield
Current Practices in Default Funds in Workplace Personal Pensions	PriceWaterhouse Coopers(PWC)
Tenants and advisors early experiences of the Local Housing Allowance and money management	CRSP Loughborough
Employer Attitudes to Collective Defined Contribution Pension Schemes'	BMRB
Updating costs of Housing and Council Tax Benefit Administration	Risk Solutions
Survey of charging in money purchase pension schemes	Ipsos MORI
Survey of employer policies, practices and preferences in relation to age	Fieldwork by BMRB, report by NIESR
Evaluation of ESF Information and Publicity	Insite
2010 Drug pilots: dev't of a distance travelled approach	Northumbria University CPP
Updating FRS material deprivation items for families with children: analysis	University of Birmingham
Consultancy work on market impact of pension reform	CRA International
Landlords with tenants on Local Housing Allowance	Centre for Housing Policy University of York
Low income households in the private rented sector	Ipsos MORI
Low income households in the private rented sector	University of Birmingham

DDA: Impact of 2005 changes on organisations	IES
Employers' Pension Provision Survey 2009	NIESR
Employer Attitudes Survey 2009	NIESR
Independent Advocacy Evidence Review	University of Bristol
Developing a clearer understanding of the Carer's Allowance customer group	University of Leeds CIRCLE
Qualitative Evaluation of the In Work Retention Pilot	PSI
Take-up of Carers Allowance feasibility study	ISER
a feasibility study to estimate the take-up rates of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Attendance Allowance (AA): Extension to residential care claimants, children and AA, plus multivariate analysis of coded claim pack data.	PSI
VARIATION to main evaluation of child maintenance options	NatCen
JSA Off Flows KMI post implementation review	Leeds Metropolitan University
Evaluation of the London City Strategy ESOL Pilot	IES
Attitudes to pensions 2009 - contract variation	NatCen
Evaluation of an occupational health helpline for small and micro businesses	IES
Individuals' attitudes and likely reactions to the workplace pension reforms: Main survey	NatCen
Qualitative Study of Employers' Recruitment Decisions: Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	University of York Social Policy Research Unit (SPRU)
Delivery Pipeline Proposal	CESI
Frequency of state pension payment preferences - BMRB	BMRB
Landlords with tenants on Local Housing Allowance - recruitment of participants	Ipsos MORI
DDA - Impact of 2005 changes on organisations	IES
Resource on Independent Living & Older Disabled People - NDTI	ODI
Managing investment performance risk in defined contribution occupational pension schemes	PWC
Systematic review of occupational health risks in fire-fighters - IOM (non-framework project)	Institute of Occupational Medicine, Edinburgh
Systematic review of occupational cancer in commercial painters - IOEM (non-framework project)	Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of Birmingham
IFD Statistical Disclosure Control Project	ONS
Feasibility & Pilot Study for Future JCP DS07 Customer Sat Measure	BMRB
Client Journey Focus Groups - CMEC	PWC
Moving towards a single working age benefit	SPRU

Cognitive testing of questions about attitudes towards health and work	ISR
Measuring attitudes to ageing over time - University of Kent	University of Kent (non FM)
Health, Work and Well-being Survey 2009	Doctors.net
IFS HBAI project (2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11 FRS	IFS
NILT suevey 2009: Disability Module -	Queen's University Belfast (non-framework contract)
Likely treatment of different workers under the workplace pension reforms	RS Consulting
PDCS Quarterly Customer Sat project - BMRB VARIATION to inc a postal survey	BMRB
Nature & extent of benefit uptake by adults with alcohol misuse problems	University of Bath
What does the distribution of wealth tell us about future retirement resources?	IFS
Peer review of the Fit for Work Service Feasibility Report	PSI
Fit for Work Service Evaluation: Interim work	IES
Refining choices and constraints question set research proposals	NatCen
PDCS Partnership and Stakeholder Satisfaction Monitor	ComRes
JCP AJCS Variation	University of Nottingham
Exploring effects of economic downturn on deprived areas & disadvantaged groups David Irvine	Leeds Metropolitan University
Piloting the Australian Jobseekers Classification Instrument in a UK context -	BMRB
Consultancy work on market impact of pension reform -	CRA International
ONS Opinions survey: Necessities Module -	ONS
Individuals rights to request working beyond the DRA and other approaches to retirement -	NatCen
Pension reform regulations: Consultation with small employers -	RS Consulting
JOT Destinations	IFF Research
CMEC Wuality Assurance of survey options outcomes	ONS
Qualitative evaluation of the in-work retention pilots	University of Westminster PSI
Completion of reports on 3 DWP systematic reviews on Healthy Ageing and change of Circumstances -	IoE University of London
BDRC Syndicated Landlords Panel - BDRC (non framework project	BDRC
Voice Risk Analysis evaluation - IFF Research Ltd	IFF Research Ltd

Feasibility study: Measuring the impact of Integrated Employment and Skills -	LSE Enterprise
Employer attitudes towards, and experiences of, age related employment issues -	BMRB
Integrated Employment Offer	Ipsos MORI
IES Evaluation Process Study main Phase	IES
Research on Replacement Care Funding	University of Leeds
Survey of Options Outcomes	BMRB
NEET feasibility project	NatCen
Macroeconomic impact of EWL	NIESR
JCP Customer Sat research	TNS BMRB
Support in developing a strategy for EWL	PWC
PDCS Mental Health Literature Review	Frontline Consulting
PDCS Mystery Shopping	GfK NOP
Evaluation of TAS workplace visits	Risk Solutions
Customer Segmentation of the Current Recipients of Incapacity Benefits	PWC
Client Transition Communication Strategy	QA Research
Evaluation of Gregg Progression to Work Pathfinders	University of Westminster PSI
PDCS Partnership: Local Authorities and DoH	Leeds Metropolitan
Nature & extent of benefit uptake by adults with alcohol misuse problems	University Of Bath
Job Search Project -	IER
Routes onto ESA	IES
Client Journey Research -	QA Research
Variation to Developing a clearer understanding of the Carer's Allowance claimant group	CIRCLE
Evaluation of the HWWB co-ordinators and challenge fund -	SPRU
ELSA data linking project – Analysis of Lifetime Earnings and Retirement Income Outcomes	NatCen
ESRC Case Studentship	University of Edinburgh
Feasibility study of Bayesian Analysis of predicting income in retirement -	NatCen
National Evaluation of the City Strategy Pathfinders' stage 2 -	IER
An investigation of supported and 'exempt' accommodation -	Risk Solutions
International Comparative Review of the Default Retirement Age	RS Consulting
E learning for health: Development of secondary care work and health learning materials-	Cardiff University
LEP Main Phase Evaluation	IES
CASE Welfare Policy and Analysis Seminars at the London School of Economics	Enterprise LSE Ltd
ESF Publicity & Information Measures Study	Insite
JCP Equality Legislative Requirements Review	IES
JCP services - views of ethnic minority customers	IES

Delivery Balanced Scorecard Web Surveys	HOST Policy research
Material deprivation poverty measure	University of Birmingham
Local delivery of LinkAge Plus principles and PSA 17'	Risk Solutions
Default Retirement Age – Review of external evidence -	Independent Social Research
Advising on the feasibility of a race equality index	Oxford University
Overlapping Customers -	CRSP Loughborough
Survey of the wider child maintenance population	NatCen
Scoping study for the review of JCP MI strategy and systems	GHK
Evaluation of JRFND	University of Westminster PSI
Quarterly Satisfaction Monitor - complementary research	TNS-BMRB
Aspirations for later life -	NatCen
Lit Review to inform future digitalisation of JCP services	BMRB
Evaluation of 6 month offer programme and SNU	PSI
Attitudes to Age - European comparison	University of Kent
National Institute Benefit and Tax Model -	NIESR
PDCS Ethnic Minority Customers: Lit Review	Sheffield Hallam University
Homeowners Support Package -	Ipsos MORI