

Freedom of Information request 3409/2011

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Information request

Disability Benefits: A 'nasty campaign' or a DWP press release that reported Latest DWP stats show that only 6% of new DLA claimants last year (Jan to Dec 2010) had a face-to-face assessment with a healthcare professional. The vast majority (94%) of new claimants got the benefit without having any face-to-face assessment of their needs. The press release is not available on the DWP's website. Under Freedom of Information, can I please

- (1) be sent a copy of the press release
- (2) be informed as to whether it was drafted by the main press office team or the Department's special advisors
- (3) if it was drafted by one of the special advisors, which special advisor was it.

DWP response

(1) be sent a copy of the press release

No press release was issued. The following report 'DLA Award Values and Evidence Use for New Claims in 2010, in Great Britain' was published and is freely accessible at:

http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/adhoc_analysis/2011/dla_evidence_award_values_nov11.pdf

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