

## **Freedom of Information request 1489/2011**

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### **Information request**

Freedom of Information request - 'Media Release on "Benefit Fraud Excuses"'

Please could you supply me with any original documents including press releases or minutes of any meetings discussing the release of information relating to the recent spate of media stories relating to "Benefit Fraud Excuses".

I would also like to see any e-mails, or meeting minutes involving DWP special adviser Susie Squire on this subject.

Most of these stories have been attributed to ministers however I note that there is no official press release on the DWP website relating to this information release.

The time scale for this request is between 24-May-2011 and the 30-June-2011..

### **DWP response**

Please find attached the 'Fraud Excuses' press release - this was distributed via PA on Saturday 28 May, under embargo for Sunday.

There aren't any minutes of meetings - including any meetings with special advisers. There also aren't any emails involving Susie Squire for the timescale requested.