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Information request

If you are going to refuse to supply copies of responses please let me know as a number of international journalists are very interested in the lack of any response to this request within the legal timeframe already

DWP response

The review on 4595 was conducted by an independent official of the Department, of the relevant grade and authority to carry out such requests. The case has been examined afresh, and guidance has been sought from domain experts to ensure all factors were taken fully into account.

In order to ensure that all of the information requested was supplied it was necessary to complete the cataloguing of the responses to the consultation before responding. Given the excellent response rate to the consultation it was impossible to complete this request within the normal timeframes for responding to a Freedom of Information request. We acknowledge that we failed to meet the statutory 20 working day deadline and apologise for the time it has taken to respond to this request

Due to the size of the information it has been put on a CD and I understand it was sent to you by special delivery on 17 January.