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## Information request

*"What is the cost incurred by the Department for Work and Pensions of accepting the recommendation of David Pitchford that the Department should explore enhancing the IT system for Universal Credit, as announced on 10 July 2013 (DWP, press release, 10 July 2013)."*

*The press release of 10 July 2013 referred to an enhanced system which would "marry the best of the existing system". What elements of the existing system will be abandoned, and at what cost?"*

## DWP response

DWP is working with the Government Digital Service on a "proof of concept" to determine the potential to enhance the Universal Credit system. Once this potential is determined the implications this has for existing assets can be properly assessed. The department will look to reuse existing assets where it is practical to do so. Costs will be assessed as part of this work.