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Information request

DWP has cut its annual sick pay bill from £90.5m in the year to March 2007 to £62.9m for the year to March 2011. Could you provide the figures for the years in between please (ie ' 08,' 09 etc)?

DWP Response

Financial Year	No. of staff	Cost of absence
2007/08	113,972	£75.1 million
2008/09	106,963	£59.8 million
2009/10	120,069	£67.1 million

The increase between 2008/09 to 2009/10 was due to the department employing more staff in response to the economic downturn.

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