

Freedom of Information request 450/2011

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Information request

1. In the financial years 2007/2008, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 how much did you pay out in total?
2. How much of this total was paid out as long-term incapacity benefit?
3. In relation to the total of long-term benefit could you provide me with a table showing the number of LTIB claimants for each of the smallest geographical area that you can (presumably local authority regions) along with a figure to two decimal places or more showing the percentage of people in that geographical area on LTIB.

DWP response

Employment Support Allowance (ESA) replaced Incapacity Benefit/Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA) for new claims from October 2008.

Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

In response to question 1 and 2, the Department regularly publishes benefit expenditure tables on the DWP website at the following link:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd4/alltables_budget2010.xls .

In response to question 3, National Statistics on Employment Support Allowance and Incapacity Benefits/Severe Disablement Allowance claimants are published on the DWP website via the Tabulation Tool, which allows you to construct tables to your own requirements:

<http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool> . The Tool will allow you to produce a table by Local Authority and rate in payment, including IB Long Term.

The Office of National Statistics publishes population estimates on the Nomis website at: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/Default.asp> . You can use this information to calculate population estimates for your request.

You may also find it useful to view published National Statistics for individual Benefits at Ward and Lower Super Output Area/Data Zone at:

<http://83.244.183.180/NESS/BEN/iben.htm> .