

Freedom of Information request 2101/2013

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Information request

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

“the Department does not hold a central list of employers participating in Work Experience and to gather the information requested would require us to contact over 700 Jobcentres, ask them to search their employer records, and cross-reference this information in order to ascertain a 'definitive' list; this would be a lengthy and resource intensive task and the cost of which would exceed the appropriate limit.”

This was your response to a request for: “A list of organisations and businesses which have withdrawn from Mandatory Work Activity, the Work Experience scheme, Community Action Programme, and similar schemes, since the start of 2012. This list should specify which scheme(s) the organisation withdrew from.”

<https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/150025/response/375161/attach/html/2/FoI.1258.RESPONSE.pdf.html>

- 1. Please provide an estimate of the cost of contacting one jobcentre to obtain the information requested above.*
- 2. If the estimated cost varies from jobcentre to jobcentre please provide the number of jobcentres to which each estimated cost applies.*
- 3. With regard to cost limits, please provide the information asked for in the request above for as many of the jobcentres in the following list in the reverse order that they appear.*

*Bell Vale Jobcentre Plus
Birkenhead Jobcentre Plus
Bootle Park Jobcentre Plus
Everton Jobcentre Plus
Garston Jobcentre Plus
Wallasey Jobcentre Plus
Wavertree Jobcentre Plus
Williamson Square Jobcentre Plus*

4. Please confirm that the information requested is not held in one place by whoever is responsible for all jobcentres in the Liverpool area.

DWP response

In reply to questions 1 and 2, the Freedom of Information regime provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority it does not require a public authority to create or generate new information in order to answer a request.

In reply to question 3 - as explained above, there is no requirement to create such cost estimates for each job centre. The information you seek is not held.

In reply to question 4, I can confirm that the Department does not hold the information in one central place.