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Information request

Please supply the following information under the freedom of information Act.

since the start of PIP

How many **new** claims were made?

How many rejected/successful?

How many claims went to reconsideration?

How many claims were rejected/successful?

How many of the rejected claims went to independent tribunal?

How many claims were rejected/successful?

How many **reassessed** claims that were previously getting DLA were made?

How many rejected/successful?

How many claims went to reconsideration?

How many claims were rejected/successful?

How many of the rejected claims went to independent tribunal?

How many claims were rejected/successful?

DWP response

Information on registration, clearances (including a breakdown of how many claims are awarded, disallowed and withdrawn) and award rates for both PIP new claims and DLA reassessment claims are published on a quarterly basis as part of our official statistics release, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/personal-independence-payment-statistics>

The Department intends to publish official statistics on mandatory reconsideration relating to Personal Independence Payment in the future. The release of information will be pre-announced in line with United Kingdom Statistics Authority release protocols. As these are intended for future publication this information is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 22 (Information intended for future publication) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

This exemption is qualified, and is therefore subject to a public interest test. The public interest test is where the Department considers whether the balance of the public interest falls in favour of withholding or disclosing the

information requested. There are public interest arguments in favour of disclosure of this information at the present time. Disclosure would for example improve transparency in the operations of the Department. There are public interest arguments against disclosure of this information at the present time. These arguments include that it is in the public interest to adhere to the existing publication process for official statistics, which includes time for the data to be collated and properly verified.

It is also in the public interest to ensure that the publication of official information is a properly planned and managed process, to ensure that the information is accurate once placed into the public domain. It is also in the public interest to ensure that the information is available to all members of the public at the same time, and premature publication could undermine the principle of making the information available to all at the same time through the official publication process.

On this occasion, the balance of the public interest test falls in favour of withholding this information. As I have explained above, statistics on this issue will be published in due course.

Finally, Ministry of Justice (MoJ) statistics on appeals to the Social Security and Child Support Tribunal published in March 2015 showed that between October and December 2014 there were 2,104 Personal Independence Payment appeals cleared at Hearing, of which 1,071 (51%) were revised in the appellant's favour. The MoJ statistics are available here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tribunal-and-gender-recognition-statistics-quarterly-october-to-december-2014>