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Information request

Please could you send me all references to Somali immigration to the UK, Somalis living in the UK, their habits and trends and any other features of their habitation in Britain in briefing notes, memos, notes of conversations, policy papers, emails and other forms of correspondence in, by and from 10 Downing Street, 11 Downing Street, 12 Downing Street and the Cabinet office.

It should include all notes relating to the Prime Minister's remarks on 8 August that "there's acutally a national self interest that if we invest in these countries, for instance, Somalia, we can stop the mass migration of more and more people turning up at our shores."

*It should include all analysis of the cost to the public purse, their intergration or lack of integration into the UK, **their take up of welfare benefits**, social housing as well as their achievements, such as educational attainment, or lack of. It should include references to prominent Somalis such as Mo Farah, and any link between aid spending on somalia and immigration to the UK.*

DWP response

In response to your query on the take up of welfare benefits for Somali nationals in the UK, section 21 of the Freedom of Information request allows us to direct you to information which is already readily available to you. In January 2012, DWP published an ad-hoc report available on the internet on "**Nationality at point of National Insurance number registration of DWP benefit claimants (February 2011)**", this contains data on numbers of Somalis (at NINo registration) claiming DWP working age benefits.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/196677/nat_nino_regs.pdf

An update to this report for February 2013 was released within the NINo analytical report on the 29th August 2013.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nino-allocations-to-adult-overseas-nationals-entering-the-uk-registrations-to-march-2013>

http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/dcp171778_324444.pdf

The latest data to March 2013 is also available in our online tabulation tool Stat-Xplore: <https://stat-xplore.dwp.gov.uk/>

The Department for Work and Pensions does not hold the remainder of the information contained in your request.