Freedom of Information request 2198/2013

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Information request

I would like to be provided with the number of claims for national insurance credit which were disallowed for refusal to comply with a jobseeker direction in the two years prior to September 2012?

DWP response

I can confirm that the Department does hold some information falling within the description specified in your request. However this information is not readily available and we therefore estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600 due to the complexity involved in linking together data from different sources.

The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.