

Freedom of Information request 2014-IR221

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Information request

I have two questions.

1. My attention has now been drawn to the Impact Assessment here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/3196/impacts/2013/230>

This clearly contains information relevant to my original request. Why was the information in the IA, and the underlying analysis, not contained in the answer?

2. I would like a copy of the analysis, including all data, tables, spreadsheets etc, in electronic form, underlying the statement in the IA:

"Data based on non-UK EU nationals applying for a National Insurance Number (NINO) in 2012/13 suggests that 20,000 of these individuals received JSA within three months of applying for a NINO".

This is obviously based on an analysis of NINO data similar to that published last August. Please provide any advice (redacted as necessary to remove policy advice), analysis, data, spreadsheets, etc, relating to this statement.

DWP response

I am of a senior grade to the person who dealt with your request previously, and can confirm that I have carried out an internal review. I confirm that I have considered your request afresh. In conducting my review, I have discussed the original reply, the handling and the decisions on what can be provided with the officer who drafted it.

In response to your first question, I agree that the Impact Assessment and relevant underlying information should have been provided in response to your original request as this data is relevant. I apologise for this oversight.

In response to your second question, the relevant statistical information can be found in the attached excel workbook (FOI 2014-IR221 response.xls).

Please note the methodology used to produce the measure: NINo registrations (thousands) to adult overseas nationals entering the UK and claiming an out-of-work benefit within 6 months of registration, by year of registration (on which the 3 month measure is based) is currently under review and may therefore differ from any future publications.