

Freedom of Information request 2014-3464

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Information request

I am writing to request details of all requests made to sanction individual claimants by Work Programme providers in all regions across the UK - with breakdowns per provider per region - including reasons for sanctioning, how many requests were accepted by Jobcentres and how many adverse decisions were upheld, from April 2012 until the most recent month for which figures are available.

This is the same information - but for a different time period - that I requested last year, the disclosure from which I have attached for reference.

DWP response

Please see the attached document (FOI 2014-3464 Response.xls). This report covers the number of Work Programme compliance doubts referred to Jobcentre Plus (JCP) for Jobseeker's Seekers Allowance (JSA) recipients up to the end of June 2014. The information relates to the number of doubts raised rather than the number of individuals.

JSA sanctions volumes have decreased year on year from 724,000 in the year to September 2014 compared to 894,000 in the year to September 2013 and 57% of JSA sanctions are low level. Less than 6% of JSA claimants are sanctioned a month and the vast majority of JSA claimants comply with the reasonable requirements placed upon them.

Please note that the data supplied are derived from unpublished management information which was collected for internal Departmental use only, and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact us quoting the reference number above.