Freedom of Information request 2889/2012

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Information request

You asked for various statistics for Highland Local Authority for the years 2009/10 to 2011/12 attached at Annex A. A response for each of the statistics listed is set out below.

DWP response

Section 21 of the Act allows us to direct you to information which is already reasonably accessible to you.

Households Below Average Income (annual)

The requested information is not available at Local Authority level. Information held on the Households Below Average Income Database available for analysis does not hold reliable information on the levels of child, working age and pensioner poverty, along with detailed information about the income distribution of UK households down to a Local Authority level. These estimates are only available at regional level, using three years of data.

The Department regularly publishes National Statistics on Households Below Average Income. This information is available on line at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbai.

The information includes a publication which has been geographically broken down to a Regional level; however at local authority level the results would not be reliable because of restrictive samples sizes. This information is available on line at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/hbai/hbai2010/pdf_files/full_hbai11.pdf.

Income Related Benefit: Estimates of take-up (annual)

The requested information is not available at Local Authority level. Information held on the Income Related Benefit: Estimates of take-up Database available for analysis does not hold reliable information on the levels of take-up of income-related benefits such as Income Support, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and income-based Jobseeker's Allowance down to a Local Authority level. These estimates are only available at the Great Britain level, using three years of data.

However, the Department regularly publishes National Statistics on Income Related Benefits: Estimates of Take up. This information is available on line at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=irb.

As detailed above, these estimates are only available at the Great Britain level. The reason is that in order to produce the estimates of take-up, we use Family Resources Survey data to estimate the number of entitled non-recipients (that is people who are entitled, but not receiving the benefit) there may be. As this is a survey, we must ensure that we show a fair result by ensuring that the sample is sufficiently large and representative, and that we take account of the uncertainties and biases that arise from these data sources.

This has been done on a Great Britain level; however at local authority level the results would not be reliable because of restrictive samples sizes.

In the latest published report tables in the further analysis sections of each chapter show proportions of entitled non-recipients by Region. This analysis is based on survey data only and has not been adjusted for the inherent biases we know exist in the estimation of entitlement. They offer a broad comparison of each Region. This information is available on line at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/income_analysis/feb2012/tkup_full_report_091
0.pdf

Low Income Dynamics (annual)

The requested information is not available at Local Authority level. Information held on the Low Income Dynamics Database available for analysis does not hold reliable information on the trends in relation to individuals who are persistently observed as living in low-income households down to a Local Authority level. These estimates are only available at the Great Britain level.

However, the Department regularly publishes National Statistics on Low Income Dynamics. This information is available on line at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=lid.

As detailed above, these estimates are only available at the Great Britain level. The reason is that in order to produce figures on Low Income Dynamics, we use British Household Panel Survey (BHPS) data. As this is a survey, we must ensure that we show a fair result by ensuring that the sample is sufficiently large and representative, and that we take account of the uncertainties and biases that arise from these data sources. At Local Authority level, the results would not be reliable because of restrictive samples sizes.

However, estimates for Low Income Dynamics for Scotland are available and can be found by looking at Chapter 4 in the following document: http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/933/0117618.pdf.

Statistical Summary (monthly)

The DWP Statistical Summary brings together key National Statistics on DWP administered benefits and JSA (Jobseeker's Allowance) sanctions and vacancies. To provide a more complete picture of DWP responsibility, statistics on Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (administered by Local Authorities) and the Child Support Agency are also included.

The Department publishes a wide range of statistics in its Statistical Summary at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=statistical_summaries .

Alongside the Statistical Summary, more detailed tables (including analysis by Local Authority) can be created via the DWP Tabulation at:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool and on NOMIS, the Office for National Statistics official website of labour market statistics

www.nomisweb.co.uk. Both websites allow you to construct tables to your own requirements.

For example, to produce statistics on how many people are in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) by Local Authority click on the following link: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool and look in the Benefit Data section, selecting Benefit Caseload National Statistics (WPLS) data. In Benefit/Scheme, select Employment and Support Allowance and under Analysis select Caseload, then under Row select Local Authority and make your further table selection and "Get table".

Alternatively, you are able to produce statistics by Client Group. For example, to produce statistics on the Working Age Client Group by Local Authority go to the Tabulation Tool, scroll down and select **Benefit Caseloads National Statistics (WPLS) data** in the **Benefit Data** section then under **Benefit/Scheme**, select **Working Age Client Group** and make your table selection.

Housing Benefit National Statistics are published on the website at http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=hbctb . The latest available information is at April 2012.

The Preferred source of Jobseeker's Allowance Statistics is the Claimant Count published on NOMIS. To produce a table of the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Highland, go to www.nomisweb.co.uk. Select Advanced Query in the Detailed Statistics and then select the

dataset **claimant count current** and make your choices to construct the table you require.

You may also be interested to be aware that you are able to obtain summary statistics on Nomis that provide a labour market profile of an area. Go to www.nomisweb.co.uk and select **Summary Statistics** and make your geography selection. The summary statistics include data on population, employment, unemployment, qualifications, earnings, benefit claimants and businesses.

National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK

The number of National Insurance Number Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK, split into quarters and using the latest available data (April 2009 to December 2011), is shown in the following tables:

Number of National Insurance Number (NiNo) Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK in Highland Local Authority and Scotland: April 2009 - March 2010

| | Apr 09 | Jul 09 | Oct 09 | Jan 10 |
|-------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | - | - | - | - |
| 2009 / 2010 | Jun 09 | Sept 09 | Dec 09 | Mar 10 |
| Scotland | 6,670 | 12,390 | 9,470 | 7,800 |
| Highland LA | 300 | 570 | 250 | 200 |

Number of National Insurance Number (NiNo) Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK in Highland Local Authority (LA) and Scotland: April 2010 - March 2011

| | Apr 10 | Jul 10 | Oct 10 | Jan 11 |
|-------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| | - | - | - | - |
| 2010 / 2011 | Jun 10 | Sept 10 | Dec 10 | Mar 11 |
| Scotland | 7,720 | 12,960 | 10,930 | 9,930 |
| Highland LA | 320 | 530 | 260 | 240 |

Number of National Insurance Number (NiNo) Allocations to Adult Overseas Nationals Entering the UK in Highland Local Authority (LA) and Scotland: April 2011 - December 2011

| April – | Apr 11 | Jul 11 | Oct 11 |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| December 2014 | - lup 11 | - Cont 11 | - Dog 11 |
| 2011 | Jun 11 | Sept 11 | Dec 11 |
| Scotland | 6,640 | 12,130 | 10,800 |
| Highland LA | 280 | 480 | 270 |

Source: 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System Notes:

- 1. "-" Nil or Negligible; Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
- 2. Some additional disclosure control has been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding method used.
- 3. Registration date is derived from the date at which a NiNo is maintained on the National Insurance Recording System.
- Overseas Residents Foreign nationals who have registered for a NiNo but reside abroad.
- 5. Geographical location is assigned by matching postcodes against the relevant postcode directory.
- Geographical counts are based on individuals recorded address at the time of scan for that reporting period - the individual may have subsequently moved out of the area or back abroad.
- On April 1st 2009 structural changes to the Local Authorities of England took effect. Changes are reflected from May 2009 in the one click tables. For more information see http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/tabtool.asp.
- 8. Years are shown as financial year (1st April 31st March).
- 9. The latest available data is at December 2011.

Pensioners Income Series (annual)

The requested information is not available at Local Authority level. Information held on the Pensioners' Income Series Database available for analysis does not hold reliable information on the estimates of trends in the level and sources of pensioners' incomes down to a Local Authority level. These estimates are only available at regional level.

The Department regularly publishes National Statistics on Pensioners' Income Series. This information is available on line at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=pensioners_income.

The information includes a publication which has been geographically broken down to a Regional level; however at local authority level the results would not be reliable because of restrictive samples sizes.

For example, to produce statistics on the average income of pensioner units made to those living in the Scotland from 2008 to 2011, go to http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=pensioners_income, scroll down and select **To access the latest release in full click here (PDF)** which will direct you towards an PDF file with information and figures for Scotland, scroll down the document to page 31 where you will find **Table 2.7: The average income of pensioner units by region / country, 2008-11**, this table gives the figures for Scotland.

Access to work (quarterly)

The number of new customers helped and number of existing customers who continue to receive support in the Access to work programme in Highland Local Authority compared to Scotland, split annually and using the latest available data (April 2009 to December 2011), is provided in the following table:

Number of individuals helped each financial year since 2009 - 2010, by whether customer is part of existing helped stock or a new customer helped for Highland Local Authority compared Scotland.

| | Highland Local Authority | | | | Scotland | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
| Customer Type | - 2010 | - 2011 | - 2012 | - 2010 | - 2011 | - 2012 |
| Existing Customer | 50 | 50 | 50 | 1,640 | 1,840 | 1,720 |
| New Customer Helped | 110 | 50 | 30 | 1,180 | 950 | 780 |

Source: 100% extract from National Insurance Recording System

Notes:

- 1. "-" Nil or Negligible; Figures are rounded to the nearest ten.
- 2. Years are shown as financial year (1st April 31st March).
- 3. Each individual is counted once in each year.
- 4. This shows the number of individuals who have been assessed within the year or for whom there is an element where approval has been made available within the year.

Life Opportunities Survey (annual)

The requested information is not available. Information held on the Life Opportunities Survey Database available for analysis does not hold reliable information on disabled people participating in society down to a Local Authority level. These estimates are only available at Great Britain level. As this is a survey, we must ensure that we show a fair result by ensuring that the sample is sufficiently large and representative, and that we take account of the uncertainties and biases that arise from these data sources.

This has been done on a Great Britain level; however at local authority level the results would not be reliable because of restrictive samples sizes.

However, the Department regularly publishes National Statistics on the Life Opportunities Survey. This information is available on line at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/los/index.php?page=los.

Lone parents receiving JSA (monthly)

The monthly caseload figures for Lone parents receiving Jobseeker's Allowance, for Highland Local Authority and Scotland, using the latest available data (April 2009 to March 2012), is attached at Annex B.

Pre-Work Programme support and get Britain working (quarterly)

The quarterly caseload figures for Pre-Work Programme support and get Britain Working, for Highland Local Authority and Scotland, using the latest available data (January 2011 to March 2012), is attached at Annex B.

New Enterprise Allowance is a Great Britain wide scheme. It was initially rolled out in stages across 17 target districts between April and July 2011. Roll-out across the remaining 20 districts was completed at the end of August 2011. Full details of those districts involved can be found at: http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/new-enterprise-allowance

Winter fuel payments (annual)

You can access official statistics on Winter Fuel Payments by Local Authority at: http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=wfp.

Work Programme (quarterly)

The Department publishes a wide range of statistics on the Work Programme both in its monthly Statistical Summary and through the Tabulation Tool which allows you to design your own tables.

Official Statistics on referrals and attachments to the Work Programme are available at the following website:

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=wp. To produce more detailed tables of referrals and attachments to the Work Programme; go to the Tabulation Tool page at

http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool, and scroll down to select "Click here for statistics regarding the Work Programme". Then make your choices to construct the table you require.

For example, claimants who have been referred to the Work Programme on a monthly basis can be accessed by going to the Tabulation Tool page at: http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/index.php?page=tabtool

- 1) Select Statistics regarding the Work Programme.
- 2) Then from the drop down list, select Work Programme: Monthly figures.
- 3) In the Analysis option select Referrals (Thousands).
- 4) In the Row option select Local Authority.
- 5) Next, in the Column option select Gender.

The latest available information is at January 2012.

Young person's guarantee: Future jobs fund (quarterly)

The Future Jobs Fund strand of this initiative to help tackle youth unemployment

The quarterly caseload figures for Young person's guarantee, for Highland Local Authority and Scotland, using the latest available data (October 2009 to March 2011), is attached at Annex B.

Annex A

Freedom of Information request

Statistics for Highland (Mainland) featured on the DWP Statistics website for ideally three years 2009/10 to 211/12. I've picked what would be most helpful below:

| Households Below Average | Annual | Measures the levels of child, |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Income | | working age and pensioner |
| | | poverty, and a range of detailed |
| | | information about the income |
| | | distribution of UK households |
| | | |

| Income Related Benefits Estimates of Take-up | Annual | Latest estimates of take-up of income-related benefits for Great Britain covering: Income Support, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit and incomebased Jobseeker's Allowance |
|---|-----------|---|
| Low Income Dynamics | Annual | Trends in relation to individuals who are persistently observed as living in low-income households and presents transition rates |
| Monthly Statistical Summary | Monthly | Early estimates for IS Lone Parents and Incapacity Benefits Working Age Client groups and the latest statistics on HB/CTB caseload |
| National Insurance Number allocations to Adult overseas Nationals entering the UK | Quarterly | Non-UK nationals registering for a National Insurance number for the purposes of work, benefits or tax credits |
| Pensioners Income Series | Annual | Estimates and interpretation of trends in the level and sources of pensioners' incomes |
| Access to Work | Quarterly | Numbers of new customers helped in the period and numbers of existing customers who continue to receive support |
| Life Opportunities Survey | Annual | Comparing how disabled and non-disabled people participate in society in a number of areas |
| Lone Parents Receiving JSA | Monthly | Lone Parent breakdown of the Jobseeker's Allowance Claimant Count statistics |

| Pre-Work Programme Support and Get Britain Working | Quarterly | Get Britain Working: Work Experience starts, New Enterprise Allowance: business mentor starts and New Enterprise Allowance: weekly allowance starts |
|--|-----------|---|
| Winter Fuel Payments | Annual | Winter Fuel Payments made to those living in GB, European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland |
| Work Programme | Quarterly | Due to be released in 2012 - click on the link on the left for further information on proposed release of statistics |
| Young Person's Guarantee: Future Jobs Fund | Quarterly | The Future Jobs Fund strand of this initiative to help tackle youth unemployment |