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Information request

Please can you provide me with:

- 1) The annual number of people claiming DWP working age benefits who were non-UK nationals when they first registered for a National Insurance Number for each of the last 5 years, including the last financial year. Please provide a breakdown for non-EEA and EEA nationals if possible.
- 2) The annual number of people claiming DWP working age benefits in London who were non-UK nationals when they first registered for a National Insurance Number for each of the last 5 years, including the last financial year. Please provide a breakdown for non-EEA and EEA nationals if possible.

DWP response

In response to your question please see the attached document (FOI 2012-3715 Response.xls) which shows the number of Non-UK nationals at NINo registration claiming DWP working age benefits in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 in Great Britain and London.

Please note that these statistics do not provide a measure of non-UK nationals currently claiming benefits based on their current nationality. The statistics do provide an estimate of the number of people currently claiming benefit who, when they first registered for a NINo (that is, first entered the labour market), were non-UK nationals. The statistics take no account of non-UK nationals who have subsequently been granted British citizenship. For the purposes of these statistics, they are shown as having been non- UK nationals at the time of NINo registration.