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Our ref: 2014-4642

Dear Fiona Murphy,

Freedom of Information ref: 2014-4642

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 19 October 2014.

You asked:

“Could you please confirm the number of people who are claiming PIP/ESA/any kind of disability related benefits because their principle reason for being unable to work is being diabetic? (Either type 1 or type2.) I was wondering if you could provide data over the past 5 years to show the number of claimants reflecting that.”

Information on the number of people in receipt of out-of-work related disability benefits who have a recorded main disabling condition of diabetes is shown in the table below.

Number of claimants in receipt of incapacity benefits with a main disabling condition of diabetes by benefit type: February 2010 – February 2014.

	Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)	Incapacity Benefit/ Severe Disablement Allowance (IB/SDA)
Feb-10	5,380	24,320
Feb-11	7,460	21,850
Feb-12	11,770	17,320
Feb-13	19,010	9,760
Feb-14	24,940	3,850

Source: DWP, 100% WPLS

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest 10.
2. Data is supplied to February 2014 which is the latest data available at the time of the request.
3. The medical condition recorded on the claim form does not itself confer entitlement to IB/SDA or ESA. So, for example, a decision on entitlement for a customer claiming IB/SDA or ESA on the basis of diabetes would be based on their ability to carry out the range of activities assessed by the Personal / Work Capability Assessment. Please also note that where someone has more than one diagnosis or disabling condition, only the predominant one is currently recorded.
4. Incapacity Benefit was replaced by ESA from October 2008.

Please note that Personal Independence Payment and Disability Living Allowance are not out-of-work benefits and entitlement is dependent on an assessment of how much help someone needs with personal care and/or mobility because of their disability.

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

Yours sincerely

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