

Freedom of Information request 2013-5264

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Information request

I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information. Please provide me with as much information as possible if you are not able to respond fully to all three requests.

1) the most up to date information on the number of JSA sanctions issued in Dundee (either local authority area or Dundee City West & East Scottish Parliament constituencies, or for Dundee Jobcentre clients). Please include as much information as is available dating back to April 2013.

2) the most up to date information on the number of JSA sanctions that were overturned following a request for a reconsideration in Dundee (either local authority area or Dundee City West & East Scottish Parliament constituencies, or for Dundee Jobcentre clients). Please include as much information as is available dating back to April 2013.

3) the most up to date information on the number of JSA sanctions that were overturned at appeal in Dundee (either local authority area or Dundee City West & East Scottish Parliament constituencies, or for Dundee Jobcentre clients). Please include as much information as is available dating back to April 2013.

DWP response

In response to your questions, the table below provides you with the information you requested. Please note that the latest available information is June 2013.

The number of JSA sanctions applied and the numbers that were successfully overturned following a request for a reconsideration or appeal in Dundee Local Authority: 22 October 2012 to 30 June 2013

Month of decision	Adverse Sanctions	Non-adverse Reconsiderations	Non-adverse Appeals
Oct-12 ⁴	110	10	-
Nov-12	240	20	-
Dec-12	210	20	-
Jan-13	300	70	-
Feb-13	190	50	-
Mar-13	230	40	-
Apr-13	240	50	-
May-13	290	50	-
Jun-13	440	60	10

Source: DWP Information, Governance and Security Directorate: JSA Sanctions and Disallowance Decisions Statistics Database

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten, totals may not sum due to rounding. '-' denotes nil or negligible.
2. **Decision:** An adverse decision is one that is found against the claimant. A non adverse decision is one that is found in favour of the claimant.
3. **Local Authority:** On 1 April 2009 structural changes to the local authorities of England took effect. Changes are reflected from April 2009 in this table.
4. A New JSA sanction regime came into force on 22 October 2012. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jobseekers-allowanceoverview-of-sanctions-rules>

You may find it useful to know that information on JSA sanctions at Jobcentre Plus Office level is published on the Government website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/jobseekers-allowance-sanctions>