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Dear Claire Hall,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 18th November. You wrote:

“I am seeking information from the Department for Work and Pensions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide any submission(s) made on behalf of the Department to the Independent Review of Administrative Law in response to the panel's call for evidence which ran from 7 September to 26 October 2020.”

### **DWP Response**

We can confirm that we hold information falling within the terms of your request; however, we need more time to consider aspects of your request.

We are writing to advise you that the following exemption applies to the information that you have requested:

Section 36: Prejudice to effective conduct of public affairs

Section 10(3) of the Fol Act provides that, where public authorities have to consider the balance of the public interest in relation to a request, they do not have to comply with the request until such a time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

We have not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest. We need to consider all the circumstances of the case, to determine where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the information that you have requested. Therefore, we will not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days of the initial receipt of your request.

We are therefore aiming to let you have a full response by 20 January 2021.

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

Yours sincerely,

### **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing [freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk) or by writing to: DWP Central FoI Team, Caxton House, 6-12 Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA.

Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Website: [ICO Contact Information](#) or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745