

Address (Redaction)

Dear (Redaction)

Freedom of Information Act Requests

I am writing to confirm that I am now in a position to reply to your request for information about euro.

Request 1 – The date of the most recently produced ‘High Level Plan’ for joining the euro

We completed the last planning overview in September 2003. It has since been reviewed, but not updated.

Request 2 – A copy of the most recent ‘High Level Plan’ for joining the euro

A copy of the plan is attached

Request 3 – an outline of any and all other work being carried out within the Department to prepare for euro conversion, with details of the date the work was carried out, and if applicable expected dates of publication

I regret this information is not held. Work on euro compatibility is subsumed within normal activities in business units across the Department and is not separately identifiable.

Request 4 – An estimate of all costs which have been and are being incurred in any ‘High Level’ preparations for joining the euro

The overall cost of euro preparations within the Department, up to March 2004, was approximately £9.715M.

For work since this date the costs has not been captured as there is no business requirement to identify the cost of this activity separately. Work is being carried out by a number of officials throughout DWP to ensure



adequate preparations for joining the euro are maintained. Costs are contained within Departmental Expenditure Limits.

If you are not satisfied with my handling of your request please tell me why. I will then arrange for an internal review of your request and my actions. The review will be conducted by another officer of a more senior grade to myself who took no part in my original decision. The reviewing officer will advise you of his decision in writing.

If you are still not satisfied after we have looked at your request again, you can then ask the Information Commissioner to look into the way your request has been handled. The Commissioner is an independent officer who is appointed by Her Majesty the Queen and reports directly to Parliament. The Commissioner can see all the papers about your request and decide whether my decision is fair and meets the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

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