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Information request

I have got some questions related to New Deal statistics. It would be very helpful for my bachelor thesis where I am comparing unemployment policies in United Kingdom and in my country (Czech Republic).

Can you give me information on the total costs of New Deal for Young People between 1998-2009, how much it cost each year, and what percentage of expenses was financed by European Social Fund?

DWP response

In response to your question, we are unable to provide cost figures solely for New Deal for Young People for 1998/99 to 2006/07 as during this time the information was recorded jointly together with the New Deal 25 Plus.

The table below contains information on the amount of actual expenditure for New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25 Plus combined from 1998/99 to 2006/7 and for New Deal for Young People only from 2007/8 to 2009/10.

Please note that the figures supplied in the table are derived from unpublished management information which was collected for internal Departmental use only, and have not been quality assured to National Statistics or Official Statistics publication standard. They should therefore be treated with caution.

The amount of actual expenditure for New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25 Plus combined for 1997/98 to 2006/07 and separately for 2007/8 to 2009/10

	New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25+ Years – in £000s	New Deal for Young People – in £000s	New Deal 25+ Years – in £000s
1997/98	-	.	.
1998/99	177,683	.	.
1999/00	348,626	.	.
2000/01	332,272	.	.
2001/02	360,071	.	.
2002/03	387,782	.	.
2003/04	453,068	.	.
2004/05	433,455	.	.
2005/06	322,623	.	.
2006/07	321,887	.	.
2007/08	.	135,838	99,601
2008/09	.	143,292	108,226
2009/10	.	151,771	82,540

Source: Annual accounts up to 06/07, then DWP Management Information

Notes:

1. Data for the years up to and including 2006/07 is taken from published annual reports. From 2007 Employment Programme data ceased to be published so figures here are taken from the General Ledger.
2. Figures are actual expenditure in £000s.
3. '.' Denotes not available. '-' denotes nil.

In response to your question regarding what percentage of expenses were financed by European Social Fund (ESF), during the period 1998 - Jun 2006 ESF was not used to fund New Deal for Young People.

The DWP ESF 2000-06 Programme allocation provided a maximum 45% contribution to the costs of New Deal for Young People between July 2006 and June 2008. The actual % contribution for specific contracts varied, as in some cases only a partial value of the contract spend was required to meet the available ESF allocation.

The DWP ESF 2007-13 Programme allocation has not contributed any ESF money directly to New Deal for Young People since July 2008 to the end of the contract, which includes 2009. During this period New Deal for Young People was fully funded by DWP. The regional DWP entries on the European Social Fund in England website <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/esf/esf-in-action/esf-projects/> illustrate how the ESF money in this period was spent.

Further information about ESF in England can be found here:

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/esf/about-esf/>

For Scotland and Wales, no ESF money was used to fund New Deal for Young People or to Match ESF funded provision.

The Department does not hold this information for Northern Ireland. The responsibility for statistics in Northern Ireland lies with the Department for Social Development (DSD).

More information on how to submit a Freedom of Information request to the DSD can be found at: <http://www.delni.gov.uk/index/freedom-of-information/requesting-information.htm>