

# Freedom of Information request 2012-3693

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## Information request

1. Please could you send me the annual cost to the Exchequer in 2009/10 and 2010/11 of paying benefits to families with a) 6 children, b) 7 children, c) 8 children, d) 9 children, e) 10 children, f) 11 children, g) 12 children and h) 13 children.
2. Please could you set out in which a) local authority, b) parliamentary constituency and c) region the families with 13 children lived.
3. Please could you set out in which a) local authority, b) parliamentary constituency and c) region the families with 12 children lived.
4. Please could you set out in which a) local authority, b) parliamentary constituency and c) region the families with 11 children lived.
5. Please could you set out in which a) local authority, b) parliamentary constituency and c) region the families with 10 children lived.

## DWP response

In response to question 1 the information you have requested is not readily available. We estimate that the cost of researching this piece of information would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600.

This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this further.

In response to questions 2-5 please see the table below:

**Number of Out of Work Benefit Claimant Households in Great Britain who also claim Child Benefit by Geographical Area and Number of Children: May 2011**

Geographical Area	Number of Children			
	10	11	12	13
<b>Government Office Region</b>				
North East	-	-	-	-
North West	10	10	-	-
Yorkshire and The Humber	10	-	-	-
East Midlands	20	-	-	-
West Midlands	20	10	-	-
East of England	10	-	-	-
London	30	10	-	-
South East	10	-	-	-
South West	10	-	-	-
Wales	-	-	-	-
Scotland	-	-	-	-
<b>Local Authority</b>				
Brent	10	-	-	-
Birmingham	10	-	-	-
Leicester	10	-	-	-
<b>Parliamentary Constituency</b>				
Brent Central	10	-	-	-

Source: DWP WPLS 100% data and HMRC Child Benefit administrative data.

Notes:

1. Figures are rounded to the nearest ten; “-“denotes nil or negligible. Some additional disclosure controls have also been applied. Totals may not sum due to rounding.

2. Data represent a snapshot as at 31st May 2011. They are badged as Official Statistics. Background guidance on the use and interpretation of the figures is available at:  
[http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/ben\\_hholds/cb\\_hholds\\_guidance.pdf](http://statistics.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd1/ben_hholds/cb_hholds_guidance.pdf)
3. The postcode of the DWP claimant is used to assign children to Geographical Areas. In a small number of cases the postcode is unknown or the claimant is abroad.
- 4. For those Local Authorities and Parliamentary Constituencies not listed above the Number of Households is nil or negligible.**