

Freedom of Information request 2013-3062

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Information request

“I would like to make a request to obtain some statistics on average numbers of claims and average numbers of awards for the past 10 years. I would like this information for the following prescribed diseases:

D8	Lung cancer with asbestosis
D8A	Lung cancer after substantial asbestos exposure
C4	Lung cancer from exposure to arsenic
D10	Lung cancer in tin miners, coke oven workers and after certain chemical exposures
D11	Lung cancer with silicosis
C22(b)	Lung cancer from nickel refining
C22(a)	Cancer of the nose and paranasal air sinuses from nickel refining
D6	Carcinoma of the nasal cavity or paranasal air sinuses
D13	Primary carcinoma of the nasopharynx from exposure to wood dust
A1	Leukaemia (except chronic lymphatic leukaemia) Bone cancer Breast cancer Testicular cancer Thyroid cancer
C7	Acute non-lymphatic leukaemia from exposure to benzene
C23	Bladder cancer arising from various chemicals
C24	Angiosarcoma of the liver
D3	Mesothelioma

The regulations prescribing adding coke oven workers to the list of occupations covered for occupational lung cancer (PD D10) came into force in August 2012. I would also like to request the numbers of claims received for PD D10 for the past 10 years without including coke oven workers. I understand that there is some data now on lung cancer in coke oven workers, but obviously not a full year's worth. I would like to know the actual claims received and claims awarded to date for lung cancer in coke oven workers, and a projection of the numbers of claims received and awards for lung cancer in coke oven workers per annum.”

DWP response

In response to your request on Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit (IIDB) claims and awards the attached document FOI 2013-3062_final.xls contains information on the quarterly average number of claims and the number of assessments in payment for IIDB for each year from 2003 to 2012 for the requested prescribed diseases.

The latest data available is for September 2012 and the number of coke oven workers recorded is nil or negligible. Please note the December 2012 data will be available from 12th August 2013.

Projections for the number of claims and awards for coke oven workers are not available as forecasts are not created at prescribed disease level.