

# **Freedom of Information request 2013-3766**

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## **Information request**

I understand the Department of Work and Pensions undertook a one-off exercise to identify how many claimants requested the use of a sign language interpreter.

## **DWP response**

The Department undertook a one-off exercise in June 2013 which identified 600 records (rounded to the nearest 100) on the Job Centre Plus Labour Market System (LMS) held information that showed the claimant had requested the use of a British Sign Language interpreter, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

Please be aware that this figure has not been properly validated and it is unknown when these requests were made. It is therefore unknown if these records relate to current claimants and could possibly include duplicate records relating to the same claimant. The information provided should therefore be treated with caution.