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Dear Owen Stevens,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 9th July. You wrote:

“Thank you for the response. Please review the response. No details of the agreement referred to in the 2018/19 annual report have been provided (these were being developed at the time that the annual report was published).”

## **DWP Response**

In response to your internal review request, we can confirm that the handling of your original request and the subsequent response, have been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with your original request.

As a result of this review we are satisfied that your original request was handled properly and that the outcome was correct. Your complaint is therefore not upheld and the reason for this is as follows:

As per our previous response, in 2017 the Department announced that it will begin to receive a segment of non-UC related Tax Credits debt from people whose Tax Credit claim has ended but who have not arranged to repay their debt and are in work. The full statement can be found at <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2017-02-09/HCWS474>.

Further information on this can be found in the Spring Budget 2017 documentation available here: [Spring Budget 2017: documents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612211/Spring_Budget_2017_documents.pdf).

The proposals under development on what remaining debt from past claims should or should not transfer, referred to by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in the Annual Report of Accounts 2018/19, have not been finalised. Therefore, there is no written agreement to share.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

### **Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

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