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Dear

Freedom of Information ref: 2013-4210

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 2nd September 2013.
You asked:

“In your report Benefit unit median weekly earnings and total income 2011-12 (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/median-weekly-earnings-and-total-incomes-of-benefit-units-2011-to-2012>) you report the median earnings/income for each of four groups: single adults with no children, lone parents, couples with no children, and couples with children. You then report the median earnings/income for the four groups combined.

Please could you supply the median net weekly earnings and the median net total income for the last three groups combined ie the median for all of the lone parents, couples with no children, and couples with children.”

In response to your question;

The median net weekly earnings figure for the last three groups combined, Lone parents, couples with no children and couples with children, is £560 and the median net weekly total income figure is £630.

Please note all figures are rounded to the nearest £10 per week and have been sourced from the Family Resources Survey (FRS) 2011/2012. Figures are based on the benefit unit definition of households as defined in the ad hoc release linked above and restricted to those below state pension age. The analysis has been confined to Great Britain and to benefit units where net earnings from work are positive, and earnings from dependent children have also been excluded from this analysis.

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

Yours sincerely

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