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Our Ref: FOI 216

Request

We received your request on 16 November 2023 for the following information:

Can we please request the total number of Housing Benefit claimants in receipt of a Severe Disability Premium (SDP) for each of the last three years?

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Our response

Awards of Housing Benefit are made on a real time electronic system and we are able to provide a real time figure based on the present day and not for any retrospective period(s) of time.

I can advise that there are currently 5276 active housing benefit claims in Northern Ireland where a Severe Disability Premium has been included in the calculation of a housing benefit award in relation to those claims.

This concludes our response.

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