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Our ref. 1010
Your ref:

Dear Mr

I am writing in response to your request for information about your claim for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and the Special Rules provision which you requested on 9 September 2008. I have also received your letter of 1 October and 1 regret I have been unable to reply earlier.

I am pleased to answer your specific questions as follows:

1. The total number of cases selected for the review was 22,178.
2. No A112s exist. This is the Room number for the Special Rules team.
3. We do not hold any records for the number of DLA556s sent.
4. The total not affected by the review with the benefit remaining the same was 11,613.
5. The total number of cases where the benefit was increased was 74. This figure represents the cases where awards for the mobility component have been made for the first time as well as confirming the award of the highest rate care component, or the mobility component was increased from the lower rate to the higher rate and the highest rate care component remained the same.
6. The total number of cases where the benefit was decreased was 4,823.

If you are not satisfied with my handling of your request please tell me why within two calendar months of the date of this letter. I will then arrange for someone to conduct an internal review of your request and my handling. The review will be conducted by another

officer, usually of a more senior grade to me. This person will have taken no part in my original decision. You will be advised of the decision in writing.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the information Commissioner to look into the way your request has been handled. Please note that generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted DWP's own complaints procedure. The Commissioner can be contacted at FoI Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or on fax 01625 545510 or email mail@co.gsi.gov.uk.

Once again please accept my apologies for the delay in writing to you.

Yours sincerely

DCS Correspondence Team