

Department for Work and Pensions

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Tom Greatrex (Rutherglen and Hamilton West): To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, pursuant to the Answer of 28 January 2013, Official Report, column 656W, on work capability assessment, if he will list the number of people reassessed for each time period by medical condition. 141812

Mark Hoban:

A copy of the tables will be placed in the library. These cover the durations between the date of decision by the Departments' decision maker at the initial Work Capability Assessment (WCA) and the date of decision by the Departments' decision maker at the second WCA by medical condition for all claims with repeat decisions taken on them (i) in 2010, (ii) in 2011, (iii) between January and May 2012.

The number of repeat assessments in 2010, particularly the number held a longer duration after the initial assessment, is lower than in subsequent years, as ESA had only been introduced in October 2008 and therefore the caseload was lower in earlier years. Therefore, one would expect an increase in repeat assessments over time.