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Dear Derek

Parliamentary Question (284259)
Revision of Disability Living Allowance statistics

On 8 July last year I replied to your question and provided information on the number of Disability Living Allowance appeals cleared at hearing within the First-tier – Social Security and Child Support jurisdiction of the Tribunals Service.

My officials have advised me that, when preparing a more recent Parliamentary Question (PQ) on a similar subject, an anomaly was identified in the information which their statistical reports generated. I do apologise that the information that I provided in the above PQ was not, therefore, quite accurate. I hope that the following explanation and correction is helpful.

There are two reports available from the Tribunals Management Information system which provides details of the number of appeals cleared at hearing: a Summary Report (giving hearings) and a Session Activity Report (giving outcomes). When reports were run in preparation for answering the more recent PQ, inconsistent responses were produced to those used for your own question. Once the anomaly was discovered, the reports were immediately amended and tested and now produce consistent statistics.

I am, therefore, now able to provide you with the revised figures:

Year	Number of Appeals cleared at hearing (original answer)¹	Revised number of appeals cleared at hearing¹
2001-02	78,169	78,169
2002-03	71,034	71,034
2003-04	71,800	71,803
2004-05	73,211	73,211
2005-06	71,125	71,125
2006-07	63,727	65,088
2007-08	58,842	57,830
2008-09	54,645	53,880

¹ In addition to decisions made at hearing 'in favour' and 'against' claimants, this includes cases that have been withdrawn, postponed or adjourned.

Once again, I apologise that the data I provided previously was not totally accurate and hope that the revised information is helpful.

I am placing a copy of my reply in the Library of the House.

*Yours ever
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