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Margaret Curran MP  
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Dear Ms Curran,

As Director General for the Office for National Statistics (ONS), I have been asked to reply to your Parliamentary Question asking for the number of people in each (a) age group and (b) administrative location who have no experience of full or part-time work. (140724)

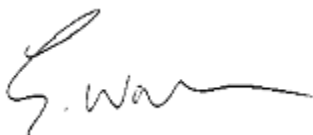
The ONS compiles Labour Market Statistics for areas below the UK following International Labour Organisation (ILO) definitions using the Annual Population Survey (APS).

The tables show the number of people who have never had a paid job or place on a scheme according to survey responses during the period October 2011 to September 2012. Estimates for Northern Ireland local authorities are not available from this source. As the information requested is quite extensive, a copy has been placed in the House of Commons Library.

As with any sample survey, estimates from the APS are subject to a margin of uncertainty. A guide to the quality of the estimates is given in the tables.

National and local area estimates for many labour market statistics, including employment, unemployment and claimant count are available on the NOMIS website at <http://www.nomisweb.co.uk>. The tables will be stored in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,



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