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Parliament has now been dissolved. No new questions can be tabled until the day of the Queen's Speech in the new Parliament. Government Departments and other answering bodies cannot answer questions during dissolution. Some questions have therefore not received substantive answers.

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Q Asked by [Stephen Timms](#) (East Ham) [N]

Asked on: 23 February 2015

Department for Work and Pensions

224965

Universal Credit

To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, what means are available to his Department to validate claimant earnings data used in Universal Credit calculations which do not require employees to contact their employer.

A Answered by: [Mr Mark Harper](#)

Answered on: 26 February 2015

DWP uses earnings data received from HMRC's PAYE Real Time Information system – much of which will have been received by HMRC in validated form from employers who use the Bacs payment system to corroborate their submissions against real payments.

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