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*De Simon*

It has been brought to my attention that the Written Answer I gave to your question 254756, Official Report 23 Feb 2009 : Column 80W, contained an error. This was because a small proportion of claimants had been counted as living in an incorrect parliamentary constituency. This occurred in the February 2008 and May 2008 benefit statistics (released in August and November 2008 respectively). Revised numbers have now been placed on the DWP website in accordance with the UK Statistical Authority's revisions practice.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that may have been caused. The correct answer is given below.

*Best wishes,  
Rosie*

RT HON ROSIE WINTERTON MP

To ask the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, how many people resident in West Chelmsford constituency (a) were entitled to claim and (b) claimed pension credit in each of the last five years. [254756]

Claimants of pension credit in West Chelmsford parliamentary constituency	
As at May each year	Total claimants
2004	2,890
2005	3,180
2006	3,170
2007	3,210
2008	3,160

*Notes:*

1. The number of households in receipt are rounded to the nearest 10.
2. Pension credit is claimed on a household basis. Household recipients are those people who claim pension credit either for themselves only or on behalf of a household.

*Source:*

DWP Information Directorate Work and Pensions Longitudinal Study 100 per cent. data.