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## Questions

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### Question 1

What things stop disabled people joining in with other people and living full, active and independent lives?

Transport i.e. wheelchair facilities  
scooters and dialand and  
taxis.

### Question 2

What parts of Disability Living Allowance do you think we should keep?

I don't think it should be changed  
unless its introducing new ideas  
that would benefit disabled  
people.

## About the questions

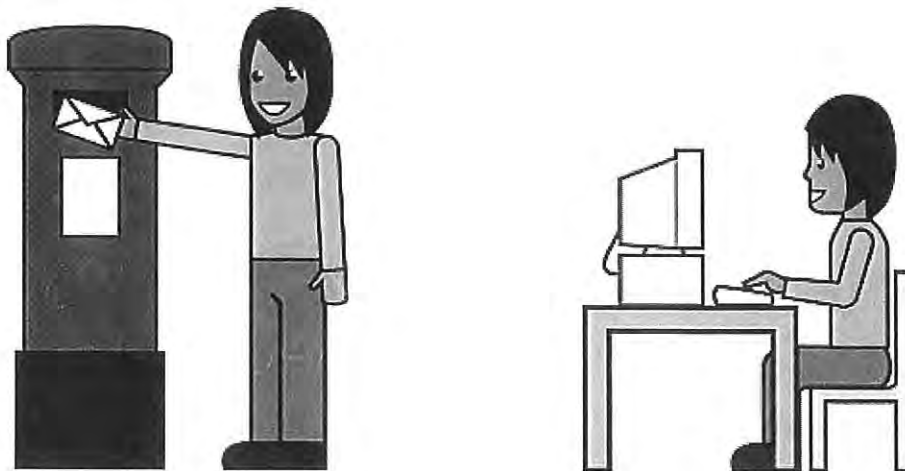
On the next few pages there are questions that we would like you to give us your answers to.

This **consultation** starts on 6 December 2010 and will end on 14 February 2011.

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## And finally, thank you

Thank you for taking the time to look at this booklet and taking part in the **consultation**.

### Question 3

What extra things do disabled people need to spend money on?

They might need extra money for  
socialising with the outside world.

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### Question 4

The new benefit will have 2 amounts for each of the 2 parts of the benefit. Do you think this will make the benefit easier to understand and also easier for us to run?

Do you think just having the 2 amounts for each part will cause any problems?

I think keeping to one amount on  
the benefit would be better because  
it would be easier to review their  
situation every 12-18 months.

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### Question 5

Do you think some health conditions or disabilities should allow people to get an amount of the benefit automatically?

Or do you think that all claims should be based on the needs of the person asking for the benefit?

Yes I think health conditions and disabilities which hold people back from living an independent life should automatically get the benefit.

### Question 6

How can we make sure that disabled people who most need the new benefit can get it?

What activities or actions are the most important to live an independent life?

By speaking to somebody who understands their needs due to their individual disabilities

## Question 7

How can we make sure that the new benefit takes into account the way a person's health condition can change?

To do more follow up checks ie.  
maybe once a year to find out  
weather they need more or less  
help.

## Question 8

When a person makes a claim to the new benefit, should we take account of any aids or adaptations that they use?

What aids and adaptations should we take into account?

Should we only take aids and adaptations into account if the person already uses them? Or should we take aids and adaptations into account that a person could use and get hold of easily?

Yes if they already use aids and  
adaptations they will need  
money to service these items and  
also to maintain them.

### Question 9

How could we make the way a person asks for benefit better.  
For example

- How could we make the claim form easier to fill in?
- How could we tell people about the new benefit so that they know what the benefit is for and who is likely to get the benefit?

A person who is qualified to speak to disabled people, help them fill in the form and give them advice

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### Question 10

Who are the best people to tell us about the needs of the person asking for benefit?

What information will we need to make it clear what the person can and cannot do?

Depending on different Circumstances  
i.e. if Someone lives with a carer  
there Carer would look out for them  
and could help you with the Information  
you need if there entitled to the benefit

## Question 11

An important part of the new benefit may be talking face to face with an independent person about how well you can do the things you need to do to take part in everyday life.

What good things and bad things may this bring?

Is there any time when it would not be right to say that a person had to meet an independent person face to face, either in the person's own home or somewhere else?

I think this would be a good idea if  
the person was trained to understand  
the needs of disabled people and  
approached them in a nice manner  
which would make them ~~and~~ feel  
Comfortable.



### Question 12

What should we use to decide how often we should look at a claim again and check it?

Should the way we look at a claim again depend on the needs of the person and their health condition or disability?

I think everyone should be checked  
at the same time i.e. either every  
12 or 18 months.

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### Question 13

The new benefit will be easier for people to understand, so we will expect people to tell us when things change in their lives.

How can we get people to tell us about the changes in their lives?

By doing regular checks every  
12-18 months

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## Question 14

What types of help and advice are people who will ask for the new benefit likely to need?

Would it help if we told people to get help and advice and where to get it from?

More advertisement should be done for disabled people so they know where to go for advice and help.

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## Question 15

How do disabled people pay for their aids and adaptations at the moment?

Should disabled people be allowed to use the new benefit to pay for a one-off cost?

I think they should be able to use the benefit towards whatever help they need in the house or aids, adaptations.

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### Question 16

What are the main differences we should think about when we are dealing with claims for children instead of adults?

There ages or if they need care  
attention. If children are to young  
they would need parent or guardian  
assistance for there needs.

### Question 17

How important or useful has Disability Living Allowance been in getting people to use other services or to get other benefits?

What can we do to make things better?

At the moment people who get Disability Living Allowance automatically get help from other benefits and services, like the Blue Badge scheme and the Warm Front scheme.

What would it mean to disabled people if they did not automatically get help from these other benefits or services?

This would affect disabled people  
as they are used to getting this  
help and I think still need it  
because any bit of help is better  
then none.

### Question 19

How would our ideas for the new benefit affect different equality groups? For example, the equality groups looking at disability, age, race, gender, **sexual orientation** and religion and belief.

#### Sexual orientation

This is about whether a person is

- heterosexual – sexually attracted to people of the other sex.
- lesbian – a woman who is sexually attracted to women.
- gay – a man who is sexually attracted to men.
- bisexual – sexually attracted to men and women.
- asexual – not sexually attracted to men or women

I don't think this should be an issue as as disability is a disability whatever gender, race etc.

### Question 20

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our plans?

If you in a care home and your funded for your disability you are going to lose the DLA benefit which I don't agree with  
22 as I have signed a partition against it.

## Question 18

What information about the disabled person could we share with other services or government departments to stop the disabled person having to tell lots of people the same thing?

I think Setting up Individual files  
that can be passed on to other Services  
and departments would help as all  
the information would be in one place.