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To my Member of Parliament

Dear

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

MR

WESTMINSTER

With regard to the Government's consultation on the proposal to replace Disability Living Allowance with Personal Independence Payment, I have chosen to respond as follows:

These are my answers to the key questions:

Question 4. The new benefit will have two rates for each component:

- * ● Will having two rates per component make the benefit easier to understand and administer, while ensuring appropriate levels of support?
- u ● What, if any, disadvantages or problems could having two rates per component cause?

* Perhaps two rates would be helpful as I'm sure not one cap fits all
u Perhaps duplication of effort and paper chasing. An accurate observation of the special need would surely be suffice to work out the situation and avoid problems.

Question 8. Should the assessment of a disabled person's ability take into account any aids and adaptations they use?

- What aids and adaptations should be included?

Should the assessment only take into account aids and adaptations where the person already has them or should we consider those that the person might be eligible for and can easily obtain?

Aids and adaptions are assessed by Occupational Therapists,
also specialist advice given by e.g. spinal injury unit provide discharge

Question 11. An important part of the new process is likely to be a face-to-face discussion with a healthcare professional.

- * ● What benefits or difficulties might this bring?
- u ● Are there any circumstances in which it may be inappropriate to require a face-to-face meeting with a healthcare professional – either in an individual's own home or another location?

* Think this should be an on-going contact as a persons need may change. This should not cause any difficulty if carried out in a professional manner, by qualified staff.
u Perhaps the very young or confused elderly.