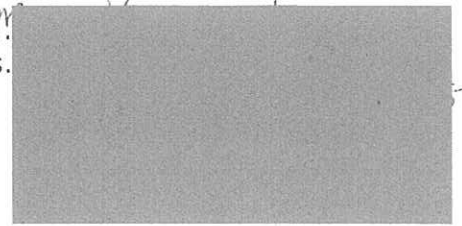


28/1/11

079. Con. Res. W.

My name...
My address...



.....January 2011

To my Member of Parliament

Dear RIGHT HON M.P.

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?
- What, if any, disadvantages or problems could having two rates per component cause?

CHANGE OF ANY KIND CAN BE EXTREMELY UPSETTING FOR A
DISABLED PERSON. THEY REQUIRE TO KNOW THAT ANY NEW SCHEME
WILL BE RELIABLE AND EASILY UNDERSTOOD. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT
THIS PROPOSED NEW SCHEME WOULD NOT MAKE LIFE EVEN MORE
DIFFICULT + COMPLICATED THAN IT IS NOW

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?

IF THE AIDS + ADAPTATIONS CURRENTLY BEING USED, ARE ENHANCING THE
DISABLED PERSON'S LIFE THEN THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY BE TAKEN INTO
ACCOUNT, BUT OF COURSE ANY FURTHER AIDS + ADAPTATIONS SHOULD
BE INVESTIGATED, TRIED OUT, & IF SUCCESSFUL, TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
+ OBTAINED

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?
- 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?

DIFFICULTIES IN ACCESSING TRANSPORT ETC
AS WELL AS THE STRESS OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS
ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES, TALKING ONE'S PROBLEMS
THROUGH CAN BE VERY BENEFICIAL, BOTH FOR THE
DISABLED PERSON & FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL