

Paul Gray
Chair of the Social Security Advisory
Committee

Dear Paul,

6th July 2014

The Housing Benefit (Habitual Residence) Amendment Regulations 2014

I welcome the Social Security Advisory Committee's consultation report on the regulations which removed access to Housing Benefit for EEA jobseekers. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank those who submitted evidence to the Committee.

The Committee makes a number of detailed recommendations which I should like my officials to consider fully over the summer. Therefore I plan to return a full Departmental response in the early autumn. This will also allow the results from the Department's research with local authorities to be included in the response.

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