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**DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:
THE UNIVERSAL CREDIT (WAITING DAYS) AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2014**

Dear Denise,

At its meeting on 3rd September, the Committee decided to take on formal referral the proposals to introduce 7 waiting days into Universal Credit. The draft Regulations propose to amend the following sets of Regulations:

- **Universal Credit Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/376)**
- **Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014 (SI 2014/1230)**

During the Autumn Statement 2013, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced the intention to introduce a 7 day waiting period into Universal Credit. We propose to introduce these measures in Universal Credit from 27th April 2015, and the draft Regulations contain the proposed amendments, including provision for some limited exceptions from waiting days.

As requested I attach a copy of the draft Regulations, an accompanying memorandum and the supporting equality analysis. The draft SI remains subject to final legal checks and clearance.

Julie Stewart
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