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Dear Neil

Social Security Advisory Committee (SSAC) consultation: Universal Credit and related regulations

As you are aware, the Committee's consultation on the Department's Universal Credit (and other related) regulations has now concluded and Paul Gray (Chair) has submitted SSAC's report to the Secretary of State.

As the report notes, in scrutinising the regulations the Committee has focused primarily on:

- those aspects of the regulations that have not already been subject to scrutiny and debate during the passage of the Welfare Reform Act;
- the coherence of the package of regulations in terms of implementation; and
- whether there are gaps and/or unintended consequences that need to be addressed.

During this process, the Committee received a number of detailed and technical comments about the draft regulations. These are attached at annex A, alongside some broader policy points that were also submitted during the consultation. I hope that these are helpful to you.

I would be grateful to receive, in due course, a response to each of the issues raised in order that we can report back to the many individuals and organisations who responded to the consultation.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information on, or clarification of, any of the issues raised.

Yours,
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