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Dear Denise

Social Security Advisory Committee consultation: Universal Credit and related regulations

Many thanks for your letter to Neil Couling of the 23rd August attaching a number of detailed and technical comments that you received from respondents during the consultation on the draft Universal Credit and related regulations. I am pleased to be able to respond to these points in the attached document which will enable you to report back to the individuals and organisations who responded to the consultation.

As the Committee itself acknowledges, Universal Credit represents the most radical reform to the welfare system in a generation. I am therefore pleased that so many people took the trouble to respond to the consultation in such a constructive manner. In particular, I would like to thank those who provided technical and policy comments on the Regulations through their responses on the Consultation and to the Committee Secretariat for collating those responses in such a helpful way. In a great many instances, these comments have enabled officials to look afresh at the draft regulations and, where appropriate, improve or correct the draft for the final regulations. Therefore, the comments made by respondents contributed in a very real sense to helping us get to the point where we are able to publish our final version of the regulations.



I would therefore like you to extend my thanks to all of those individuals and organisations who responded to the consultation and, of course, to the Committee and its Secretariat for their ongoing support and advice.

Yours Sincerely

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