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Information request

Q1. Why Industrial Injuries Benefit would be stopped for 8 months following an ESA examination where 0 points were awarded. Given the claimant would lose Incapacity Benefit and suffer hardship anyway. Why would it be compounded by removing the IIB as well.

Q2. The only reason i can see for your department to stoop this low is to deny income from a claimant who is pursuing an appeal, and actively starve them into submission.

Q3. Please supply written policy on this issue please.

DWP response

It may help if I explain that the results of an ESA examination have no effect on the assessment or payment of an Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit claim as the qualifying conditions are different in both benefits.

Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is non contributory and not income-related. However, if someone who is in receipt of Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit is also in receipt of an income-related benefit, such as Employment Support Allowance, then it will be taken into account as income.