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With reference to your reply of 16th April, please can you clarify the different scope of the term 'inalienable' as it is used in your response to mean ten pence yet in subsection 187 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 it appears to have a different meaning.

DWP response

We'd given the word its common meaning that is to signify something that is not transferable or assignable. In context of the answer we gave we are saying that the 10 pence we must leave in payment when making deductions from benefit is not transferable or assignable and so is inalienable. This is the same meaning given to the word in the Act referred to in your follow-up question.