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Information request

Why is it that when a doubt arise in persons claim for benefit and you are sanctioned / what happend to presumed innocent to proven guilty . As in criminal law until trial you are presumed innocent to proven guilty so why dose this not also apply to a doubt why is it that you are above law land in when you sanction a person why do you not have to prove a case before you stop a persons money and don't say you do as I've been there got the T shirt . And please don't hide behind not in public interest its public who require answers .IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER PASS ON TO DEPARTMENT THAT CAN GIVE ANSWERS LIKE HEAD BENEFITS .

DWP response

Sanctions are only applied where a claimant fails to meet mandatory requirements with no good reason. Good reason is considered by an independent Decision Maker before any sanction is imposed and claimants continue to receive benefit until a decision is taken.

Information on this process is set out in the relevant legislation, the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996. Sanctions are in Part V from regulation 69 onwards.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/a11-4001.pdf>