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Paul Gray CB Chair The Social Security Advisory Committee 5th Floor Caxton House **Tothill Street**

Dear Paul,

IN WORK PROGRESSION AND UNIVERSAL CREDIT

On 9 November 2017 the Committee presented the Secretary of State with a report on In Work Progression and Universal Credit. The report examined some of the issues involved in the DWP's developing work to help claimants move towards increased employment with little or no need for a benefit top-up.

We welcome the report and the Committee's findings which we have given due consideration. I set out in the attached document our responses to the Committee's recommendations.

I trust you are reassured the Department is taking significant steps in our positive ambition to help claimants to progress and fulfil their potential.

> **Alok Sharma MP Minister of State for Employment**