

Scottish Government submission of 10 June 2022

PE1854/L: Review the adult disability payment eligibility criteria for people with mobility needs

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 May asking how the Petitioner and the Committee can input to the Adult Disability Payment Review and the likely timescales for this.

The e-mail includes a small typo stating that the review of Adult Disability Payment is due to be completed in 2023. The Scottish Government has committed to a two stage review of Adult Disability Payment with stage one running from 2022 until 2023 and stage two will commence in Summer 2023, a year after the national roll out of Adult Disability Payment. Stage two of the review will be undertaken by an independent group.

As the Committee rightly points out, work will begin later this year on the first stage of the Review. This will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to consider the “moving around” descriptors and propose alternative criteria. Ministers are currently considering how this will be conducted and the Scottish Government will update the Committee when decisions have been taken regarding this. The Committee and Petitioner can be assured that engaging relevant stakeholders will be included in the remit for both stages of the review. The Scottish Government welcomes the input of MS Scotland and other stakeholders in continuing to build a benefits system in Scotland that best meets the needs of disabled people.