

# Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice submission of 8 January 2024

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

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2023 regarding petition PE1854: Review the adult disability payment eligibility criteria for people with mobility needs.

The process of recruitment for the Chair of the Independent Review of Adult Disability Payment is currently underway. A central component of the review will be securing the input of disabled people and stakeholders such as the MS Society, whose work has been critical in the development of the review so far. I will make sure that the Chair receives a copy of your letter and will ask that this is considered appropriately as arrangements are taken forward for engagement with stakeholders and review of evidence.

I note that the MS Society has expressed their views about the differing assessment and eligibility criteria between Adult Disability Payment and PIP when moving from Disability Living Allowance. Currently, adults in Scotland receiving Disability Living Allowance who report a change or are due to renew their award will have their award transferred to Adult Disability Payment instead of being required to apply for Personal Independence Payment. While their initial Adult Disability Payment award is like-for-like with what they received in Disability Living Allowance, their award is reviewed as soon as possible after transfer under the usual Adult Disability Payment eligibility rules.

I trust that this provides the Committee with the assurance that it seeks.

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