



# House of Commons

Tuesday 26 April 2011

## PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

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### WELFARE REFORM BILL

[ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH SITTINGS]

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Anas Sarwar

*Withdrawn* 39

Clause 26, page 12, line 12, at end insert—

‘(1A) The Secretary of State shall, before exercising their powers under subsection (1) above, advise the Claimant of their right of appeal in relation to any decision to impose a sanction under section 26 or section 27.’

Anas Sarwar

*Withdrawn* 41

Clause 26, page 12, line 12, at end insert—

‘(1A) It is not a failure sanctionable under this section if a Claimant falling within section 22 does not have guaranteed and predictable access to high quality, flexible and affordable child care acceptable to the parent and child or children.’

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 79

Clause 26, page 12, line 12, at end insert—

‘(1A) Any reduction under this section must affect only the standard allowance component of an award of universal credit.’

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 53

Clause 26, page 12, line 12, at end insert—

‘(2) With respect to claimants who have disabilities, the Secretary of State shall not impose any sanctions without first consulting a Disability Employment Adviser.’

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**Welfare Reform Bill, *continued***

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 113

Clause 26, page 12, line 29, leave out ‘at any time’ and insert ‘within a prescribed period’.

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

*Negated on division* 76

Clause 26, page 12, line 41, leave out ‘three years’ and insert ‘one year’.

Anas Sarwar

*Not called* 42

Clause 26, page 12, line 42, at end insert—  
 ‘(c) the period after which a reduction made under this section shall be reviewed.’

Anas Sarwar

*Not called* 40

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—  
 ‘(9) Regulations may provide for the appeal process which will apply when a Claimant has been informed that they will face sanctions in the event of a failure by the Claimant which is sanctionable under this section or section 27.’

Kate Green  
 Sheila Gilmore

*Not called* 46

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—  
 ‘(9) No regulations made under this section shall allow for the amount of universal credit received in respect of a child or qualifying young person to be reduced.’

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

*Not called* 55

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—  
 ‘(9) Regulations will provide for an appeal mechanism.’

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

*Not called* 80

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—  
 ‘(9) Where a claimant is sanctioned under this section, the claimant must be provided with a written explanation of the terms of the reduction, the reasons the reduction has been made and the claimant’s right to appeal.’

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**Welfare Reform Bill, *continued***

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 111

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end add—

- ‘(9) Under no circumstances shall the Secretary of State allow any targets to be set which would increase the number or value of sanctions issued under this section.’.

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 114

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—

- ‘(9) Where only one member of a couple attracts a sanction under this section, regulations must make provision for the second member of the couple to continue to receive an appropriate share, except in such circumstances as may be prescribed.’.

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 81

Clause 26, page 13, line 8, at end insert—

- ‘(10) Regulations must provide for the lifting or termination of sanctions if the claimant enters employment.’.

*Clause agreed to.*

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Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Not called* 82

Clause 27, page 13, line 12, at end insert—

- ‘(1A) Any reduction under this Clause must affect only the standard allowance component of an award of universal credit.’.

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Not called* 54

Clause 27, page 13, line 12, at end insert—

- ‘(2) With respect to claimants who have disabilities, the Secretary of State shall not impose any sanctions without first consulting a Disability Employment Adviser.’.

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**Welfare Reform Bill, *continued***

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

Clause 27, page 13, line 25, leave out '26' and insert '13'.

*Not called* 77

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

Clause 27, page 13, line 27, leave out from 'State' to end of line 28.

*Withdrawn* 159

Kate Green  
 Sheila Gilmore

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end insert—

'(10) No regulations made under this section shall allow for the amount of universal credit received in respect of a child or qualifying young person to be reduced.'

*Not called* 47

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end insert—

'(10) Regulations will provide for an appeal mechanism.'

*Not called* 56

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end insert—

'(10) Where a claimant is sanctioned under this section, the claimant must be provided with a written explanation of the terms of the reduction, the reasons the reduction has been made and the claimant's right to appeal.'

*Not called* 83

Mr Liam Byrne  
 Stephen Timms  
 Ms Karen Buck  
 Margaret Curran

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end add—

'(10) Under no circumstances shall the Secretary of State allow any targets to be set which would increase the number or value of sanctions issued under this section.'

*Not called* 112

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Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Not called* 115

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end insert—

- ‘(10) Where only one member of a couple attracts a sanction under this section, regulations must make provision for the second member of the couple to continue to receive an appropriate share, except in such circumstances as may be prescribed.’

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Not called* 84

Clause 27, page 14, line 4, at end insert—

- ‘(11) Regulations must provide for the lifting or termination of sanctions if the claimant enters employment.’

*Clause agreed to.*

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Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 78

Clause 28, page 14, leave out line 20.

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clause 29 agreed to.*

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Kate Green  
Sheila Gilmore

*Withdrawn* 48

Clause 30, page 15, line 21, at end insert—

- ‘(c) piloting shall measure the impact on health outcomes of any regulations under clauses 13 to 28.’

*Clause agreed to.*

*Clause 31 agreed to.*

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Welfare Reform Bill, *continued*

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 58

Schedule 1, page 102, leave out lines 18 to 20.

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Withdrawn* 13

Schedule 1, page 102, line 25, leave out 'of' and insert 'or both'.

Mr Liam Byrne  
Stephen Timms  
Ms Karen Buck  
Margaret Curran

*Question proposed, that the Amendment be made* 57

Schedule 1, page 102, line 26, at end insert—

- (7) Regulations made under this paragraph must specify that a particular amount of income should be disregarded when calculating entitlement to universal credit, including in the following circumstances—
- (a) where the claimant is disabled;
  - (b) where the claimant is a lone parent; and
  - (c) where the claimant is the second earner in a couple.
- (8) Where the claimant's eligibility for an amount of income to be disregarded, in accordance with subsection (7), is based on two or more sets of circumstances, the amount specified for each of these sets of circumstances shall be added together to calculate the total amount to be disregarded.'

[Adjourned until Thursday at 9.00 am