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**PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE**

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**WELFARE REFORM AND WORK BILL**

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Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

44

Clause 11, page 12, line 39, leave out “2017” and insert “2022”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would see current arrangements for child tax credit remaining in place for children born before 6 April 2022.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

45

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “two other children”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to child tax credit for families with three children.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

46

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “three other children”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to child tax credit for families with four children.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

47

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “four other children”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to child tax credit for families with five children.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

48

Clause 11, page 13, line 10, leave out “one other child” and insert “five other children”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to child tax credit for families with six children.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

83

Clause 11, page 13, line 12, at end insert—

“(3C) The limit on the number of children or qualifying young person for whom an individual element of child tax credit can be claimed, as set out in subsection (3B), shall not apply to households where one or more of the child or qualifying young person in that household is disabled. This includes, but is not limited to, those persons in receipt of the disability element of child tax credit.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*The amendment exempts households from the limit on the number of children for whom the individual element of child tax credit can be claimed where one or more child in that household is disabled.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Emily Thornberry

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

43

Page 12, line 32, leave out Clause 11

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would see current arrangements for child tax credit remaining in place.*

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Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

50

Clause 12, page 13, line 18, leave out subsections (1) to (4)

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to the child element of universal credit for families with more than two children.*

Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

51

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “three”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to the child element of universal credit for families with three children.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

52

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “four”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to the child element of universal credit for families with four children.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

53

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “five”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to the child element of universal credit for families with five children.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

54

Clause 12, page 13, line 22, leave out “two” and insert “six”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain entitlement to the child element of universal credit for families with six children.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

18

Clause 12, page 13, line 23, at end insert “unless this would result in an amount no longer being paid in respect of a child or young person who was born before 6 April 2017, in which case a payment shall still be made in respect of this child or young person.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*To ensure that the reduction of the child element of Universal Credit to two children only affect children born after 6 April 2017.*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

84

Clause 12, page 13, line 23, at end insert—

“(1B) The limit on the number of children or qualifying young person for whom a child element of universal credit can be claimed, as set out in subsection (1B), shall not apply to households where one or more of the child or qualifying young person in that household is disabled. This includes, but is not limited to, those persons in receipt of the disabled child element of universal credit.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*The amendment exempts households from the limit on the number of children for whom the child element of universal credit can be claimed where one or more child in that household is disabled.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Emily Thornberry

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

49

Page 13, line 17, leave out Clause 12

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*This amendment would remove changes to entitlement to the child element of universal credit.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

20

Page 14, line 1, leave out Clause 13

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This prevent the changes to the work-related component of the employment and support allowance.*

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Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

55

Page 14, line 25, leave out Clause 14

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain the limited capability for work element of universal credit.*

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Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

57

Clause 15, page 14, line 31, leave out paragraph (a)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would keep the "work-focused interview requirement only" for responsible carers of children aged two and three.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

62

Clause 15, page 14, line 31, leave out paragraphs (a) to (c) and insert—

Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

“(a) in section 19(2)(c) for the words “under the age of 1” substitute “who has not yet started primary school”;

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*This amendment, taken together with amendment 63, would mean claimants in receipt of universal credit who are responsible carers are not subject to work focused interviews or work preparation requirements until their child starts school. From when a child starts school, relevant claimants would be required to follow all work requirements.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

58

Clause 15, page 14, line 36, after “2,” insert “3 or 4”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*This amendment would retain the current position for responsible carers of children aged three and four.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

59

Clause 15, page 14, line 37, leave out paragraph (c)

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*This amendment would retain the current position for responsible carers of children aged three and four.*

Anna Turley

101

Clause 15, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

“(d) Insert after section 18—

“(18A) Guidance on lone parents

- (1) The Secretary of State shall, by regulation, provide guidance to Jobcentre Plus setting out how it should support claimants who are lone parents in meeting the work-related requirements that they are subject to.”

**Member’s explanatory statement**

*To require the Secretary of State to set out in regulation how Jobcentre Plus should support claimant of universal credit who are lone parents meet the work-related requirements they are subject to.*

Emily Thornberry  
Rushanara Ali

108

Clause 15, page 14, line 38, at end insert—

“(d) after section 24 (imposition of requirements) after subsection (5) insert—

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**Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued***

“(5A) The Secretary of State must, by regulations, make provision to ensure that where a claimant is the responsible carer for a child who is aged under five they are subject to no work-related requirements unless it is possible to make arrangements for affordable and appropriate childcare for the claimant’s child.

(5B) The regulations in subsection (5A) must provide a definition of “affordable and appropriate childcare”.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would ensure that responsible carers of children aged under five would not be subject to work-related requirements unless they had affordable and appropriate childcare in place for their child.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

60

Clause 15, page 14, line 40, leave out paragraph (a)

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment would keep the current prescribed age of three years in universal credit regulations on the “work-focused interview requirement” for responsible carers of children in receipt of universal credit.*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

63

Clause 15, page 14, line 40, leave out paragraphs (a) and (b) and insert—

“(a) in regulation 91 (claimants subject to work-focused interview requirement only), for the word “3” substitute “5 or when the child starts primary school”;

(b) in regulation 91A (claimants subject to work preparation requirement) for the words “3 or 4” substitute “who has not yet started primary school”.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment, taken together with amendment 62, would mean claimants in receipt of universal credit who are responsible carers are not subject to work focused interviews or work preparation requirements until their child starts school. From when a child starts school, relevant claimants would be required to follow all work requirements.*



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Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

61

Clause 15, page 14, line 42, leave out paragraph (b)

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would keep the current age of child (which is three or four) in universal credit regulations on the work-preparation requirement for responsible carers of children in receipt of universal credit.*

Angus Robertson  
 Mike Weir  
 Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
 Natalie McGarry  
 Mhairi Black  
 Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

56

Page 14, line 28, leave out Clause 15

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would retain the current conditionality requirements for work related activity / work focused interviews/ work preparation for those claimants with children under 5 in receipt of universal credit.*

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Priti Patel

110

★ Clause 16, page 15, line 4, leave out “pay mortgage interest in relation to property” and insert “make owner-occupier payments in respect of accommodation”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment replaces the description of the payments for which loans may be made with a reference to “owner-occupier payments” relating to the accommodation that persons occupy as their homes. The term will be defined in regulations (see amendment 116). This amendment also ensures that there is flexibility to provide support as regards all possible dwellings.*

Priti Patel

111

★ Clause 16, page 15, line 13, leave out “amounts secured by a mortgage” and insert “liabilities”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment and amendments 112, 113, 118, 122, 123, 124, 125 and 126 are consequential on amendment 110 which replaces the reference to mortgage interest payments with a reference to owner-occupier payments.*

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**Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued***

Priti Patel

112

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 16, leave out “the mortgage relates to amounts used” and insert “a person’s liability to make owner-occupier payments was incurred”

Priti Patel

113

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 18, leave out from “about” to “in” in line 19 and insert “—  
 (a) determining or calculating the amount of a person’s liabilities;  
 (b) the maximum amount of a person’s liabilities”

Priti Patel

114

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 24, after second “a” insert “mortgage of or”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment ensures that regulations under clause 16 about requiring security for a loan may make provision for situations where there is no pre-existing mortgage over the person’s home.*

Priti Patel

115

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 24, at end insert “a legal or beneficial interest in”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment makes clear that regulations under clause 16 about requiring security for a loan may make provision for security to be taken in respect of a legal or a beneficial interest in the person’s home.*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

19

- Clause 16, page 15, line 25, at end insert—  
 “(7A) The waiting period before a person can apply for a loan under this section shall be 13 weeks.”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*To require that the waiting period before an application for a loan for mortgage interest can be made is 13 weeks.*

Priti Patel

116

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 25, at end insert—  
 “( ) The regulations may define “owner-occupier payment”.”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment provides for regulations under clause 16 to define the term “owner-occupier payment”. The definition will make provision about mortgage interest payments and payments under alternative finance arrangements.*

Priti Patel

117

- ★ Clause 16, page 15, line 26, leave out subsection (8)  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment removes definitions that are no longer needed for clause 16.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Angus Robertson  
Mike Weir  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford  
Natalie McGarry  
Mhairi Black  
Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

64

Page 15, line 1, leave out Clause 16

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment would mean those owner-occupiers who are in receipt of an income related benefit can continue to claim additional help towards their mortgage interest payments and mitigate risk of repossession of homes instead of introducing a loan system which will be secured against their property.*

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Priti Patel

118

★ Clause 17, page 15, line 40, leave out “pay mortgage interest” and insert “make owner-occupier payments”

Priti Patel

119

★ Clause 17, page 15, line 42, leave out “property” and insert “particular accommodation”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on amendment 110 which replaces a reference to property occupied as a home with a reference to accommodation occupied as a home.*

Priti Patel

120

★ Clause 17, page 16, line 5, at end insert—

“( ) provision about entering into an agreement (which may contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary of State thinks fit, subject to what may be provided in the regulations);”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment makes clear that regulations under clause 17(3) may make provision about entering into agreements with persons receiving loans, and the Secretary of State may determine the contents of such agreements.*

Priti Patel

121

★ Clause 17, page 16, line 8, leave out “the”

***Member's explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on amendment 120, which refers to the Secretary of State determining the contents of agreements with persons receiving loans.*

Priti Patel

122

★ Clause 17, page 16, line 16, leave out “pay mortgage interest” and insert “make owner-occupier payments”

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Priti Patel

123

- ★ Clause 17, page 16, line 19, leave out “pay mortgage interest” and insert “make owner-occupier payments”

Priti Patel

124

- ★ Clause 17, page 16, line 28, leave out “in respect of the mortgage interest” and insert “in relation to which the amount is paid”

Priti Patel

125

- ★ Clause 17, page 16, line 39, leave out from “is” to end of line 40 and insert “liable to make owner-occupier payments under more than one agreement to make such payments.”

Priti Patel

126

- ★ Clause 17, page 16, line 46, leave out subsection (7)

Priti Patel

127

- ★ Clause 17, page 17, leave out lines 29 to 32

***Member’s explanatory statement****This amendment removes definitions that are no longer needed for clause 17.*

Angus Robertson

Mike Weir

Dr Eilidh Whiteford

Natalie McGarry

Mhairi Black

Ian Blackford

Hannah Bardell

Corri Wilson

65

- Page 15, line 36, leave out Clause 17

***Member’s explanatory statement****This amendment is consequential on amendment 64.*

Priti Patel

128

- ★ Clause 18, page 17, line 40, at end insert—

“( ) In section 3A of the State Pension Credit Act 2002 (housing credit), in subsection (5)(a), omit the words from “(and,” to “payments)”.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment adds a consequential amendment of section 3A(5)(a) of the State Pension Credit Act 2002, which is about the meaning of “payments in respect of accommodation”. It removes a reference to mortgage payments.*

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 Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

21

Clause 19, page 19, line 25, at end insert—

“(9A) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, produce a plan to offset the impact of lower social rents on housing associations and local government.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the Secretary of State to produce a plan to offset the impact of lower social rents on housing associations, so that their ability to build new affordable homes is not affected.*

Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

85

Clause 19, page 19, line 25, at end insert—

“(9A) The Secretary of State must, within 12 months of this section coming into force, produce a report outlining the impact of the reduction in social housing rents on the availability of accessible and supported housing.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the Secretary of State to report on the impact of lower social rents on the availability of accessible and supported housing.*

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Emily Thornberry  
 Neil Coyle

109

Clause 20, page 20, line 5, at end insert—

“(e) the accommodation is specified accommodation, as defined in the Housing Benefit and Universal Credit (Supported Accommodation) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To provide that the mandatory 1% annual reduction in social housing rents will not apply to the tenants of “specified accommodation”.*

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NEW CLAUSES

Priti Patel

NC13

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Transitional provision**

- (1) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make such transitional or transitory provision or savings as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient in connection with the coming into force of sections 16 to 18.

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- (2) The regulations may include provision for temporarily excluding the making of a loan under regulations under section 16 after the coming into force of sections 16 to 18.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may in particular—
  - (a) provide for a temporary exclusion to continue until a time or times specified in a notice issued by the Secretary of State;
  - (b) enable the Secretary of State to issue notices under paragraph (a) specifying different times for different persons or descriptions of person.
- (4) The regulations may include provision for enabling assistance with payments in respect of accommodation occupied as a home to be given by means of a qualifying benefit after the coming into force of sections 16 to 18 (including where the making of loans is temporarily excluded).
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) may in particular—
  - (a) provide for legislation that has been repealed or revoked to be treated as having effect;
  - (b) provide for assistance by means of a qualifying benefit to continue until a time or times specified in a notice issued by the Secretary of State;
  - (c) enable the Secretary of State to issue notices under paragraph (b) specifying different times for different persons or descriptions of person.
- (6) In this section “qualifying benefit” means income support, income-based jobseeker’s allowance, income-related employment and support allowance, state pension credit or universal credit.
- (7) Regulations under this section may make different provision for different areas, cases or purposes.
- (8) Regulations under this section must be made by statutory instrument.
- (9) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment adds a clause enabling the Secretary of State to make regulations providing for the roll-out of loans in place of the current help offered to owner-occupiers. The new clause ensures that the Government can manage the introduction of loans for mortgage interest and other payments as it sees fit and, in particular, the migration of persons who currently receive assistance in the form of a benefit to receiving assistance by way of a loan.*

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 Priti Patel

NC14

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Expenses of paying sums in respect of vehicle hire etc.**

In the Social Security Administration Act 1992, after section 15A insert—

*“Expenses in respect of vehicle hire etc.*

**15B Expenses of paying sums in respect of vehicle hire etc.**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) a relevant benefit component is payable in respect of a person (“the beneficiary”),

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- (b) an agreement has been entered into by or on behalf of the beneficiary with a relevant provider for the lease or hire purchase of a motor vehicle, and
  - (c) by virtue of regulations under section 5(1), the Secretary of State pays all or part of the relevant benefit component to the relevant provider for the purpose of discharging, in whole or in part, an obligation of the beneficiary under the agreement.
- (2) Regulations may make provision—
- (a) for the expenses of the Secretary of State in administering the making of payments to relevant providers to be defrayed, in whole or in part, at the expense of relevant providers, whether by requiring them to pay prescribed fees or by deducting and retaining a prescribed part of the payments that would otherwise be made to them or by such other method as may be prescribed;
  - (b) for the recovery from a relevant provider of any fees or other sums due from that provider under paragraph (a).
- (3) In this section—
- “relevant benefit component” means—
- (a) the mobility component of disability living allowance, if it is payable at the higher rate (see section 73(11)(a) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992), or
  - (b) the mobility component of personal independence payment, if it is payable at the enhanced rate (see section 79(2) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012);
- “relevant provider” means a person whose business consists of or includes the supply by way of lease or hire purchase of motor vehicles to persons in respect of whom a relevant benefit component is payable.””

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment enables the Secretary of State to make regulations about recovering from an organisation the expenses incurred as a result of paying a claimant’s relevant disability benefit, or part of it, to that organisation.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Chris Leslie  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

NC1

To move the following Clause—

**“Report on impact of benefit cap reductions**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish and lay before Parliament before the end of the financial year ending with 31 March 2017 a report on the impact of the benefit cap reductions introduced by this Bill.

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- (2) The report must include an assessment of the impact on each of the measures of child poverty defined in the Child Poverty Act 2010.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause requires the Secretary of State to review impact of lower benefit cap after 12 months.*

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Stephen Timms  
 Kate Green  
 Chris Leslie  
 Emily Thornberry  
 Owen Smith

NC2

To move the following Clause—

**“Local Housing Allowance**

- (1) For each of the tax years ending with 5 April 2017, 5 April 2018, 5 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, the amount paid to claimants of the Local Housing Allowance is be reviewed by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In reviewing these sums the Secretary of State shall have regard to—
- (a) the rate of inflation,
  - (b) the national economic situation, and
  - (c) the levels of market rent.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause requires the Secretary of State to review the level of the Local Housing Allowance annually, in light of the rate of inflation, levels of market rent and the national economic situation.*

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Paul Blomfield  
 Neil Coyle

NC4

To move the following Clause—

**“Personal independence payment: timing of payment**

- (1) Schedule 10 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1(1), at start insert “Subject to paragraph ( ),”
- (3) At end of paragraph 1(1), insert the following new paragraph—

“( ) Where a person in receipt of disability living allowance meets the requirements of section 82 of the 2012 Act his or her entitlement to disability living allowance shall terminate immediately and entitlement to personal independence payment shall commence on the same day.””.

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause aims to enable claimants of DLA who are transferred to PIP due to terminal illness to receive their first PIP payment immediately after being transferred. Currently claimants*



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*must wait four weeks from their final DLA payment to be made and then another four weeks to receive their first PIP payment.*

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Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

NC5

To move the following Clause—

**“Entitlement to housing benefit**

- (1) Section 130A of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (Appropriate maximum housing benefit), is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Entitlement to housing benefit shall not be restricted in respect of a maximum number of children or qualifying young persons for whom a claimant is responsible.””

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To prevent the Secretary of State from limiting entitlement to housing benefit by taking into account only a certain number of children in a family.*

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Emily Thornberry  
Dawn Butler  
Wes Streeting  
Stephen Pound  
Mr Steve Reed

NC6

To move the following Clause—

**“Entitlement to housing costs under Universal Credit**

- (1) Section 11 of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (Housing costs), is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (5) insert—

“(6) Entitlement to an amount under this section shall not be restricted in respect of a maximum number of children or qualifying young persons for whom a claimant is responsible.””

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To prevent the Secretary of State from limiting entitlement to housing costs under Universal Credit by taking into account only a certain number of children in a family.*

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Welfare Reform and Work Bill, *continued*

Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

NC7

To move the following Clause—

**“Exemptions to changes in child tax credit and child element of universal credit**

- (1) The limit on the number of children for which child tax credit or the child element of universal credit can be claimed, as provided for clauses 11 and 12 of this Act, do not apply in the following circumstances—
  - (a) where the number of children exceeds two because the third (or subsequent) child was part of a multiple birth at the same time as the second qualifying child;
  - (b) where a third (or subsequent) child becomes a member of a household as a result of being fostered or adopted into that household, or enters the household as the result of a kinship care arrangement;
  - (c) in exceptional circumstances as defined by the Social Security Advisory Committee, including but not limited to—
    - (i) the claimant becoming unemployed;
    - (ii) the death of one of the parents in the claimant household; and
    - (iii) one of the parents in the claimant household leaving the household following a breakdown in relationship.
- (2) No limit shall apply to a household where any child or qualifying young person is disabled.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall, by regulation, establish an appeals process by which an individual can appeal a decision as to whether an exemption set out in this clause applies in their individual situation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause exempts households from the limit on the number of children for whom child tax credit or the child element of universal credit can be claimed where the limit was exceeded as a result of; multiple births, a household fostering or adopting a child, or in exceptional circumstances defined by the Social Security Advisory Committee. A household shall be entirely exempt from the limit if one or more children or qualifying young person in that household is disabled. It also requires the Secretary of State to establish an appeals mechanism for decisions made under this section.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

NC8

To move the following Clause—

**“Review of childcare tax credit amounts**

The Secretary of State must at least once a year review the level of the Childcare element of the Working Tax Credit entitlement sums to determine whether it is appropriate to increase or decrease any one or more of those sums.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause would require the Secretary of State to review the childcare tax credit entitlement sums.*

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Stephen Timms  
Kate Green  
Emily Thornberry  
Owen Smith

NC9

To move the following Clause—

**“Review of application of Jobseeker’s allowance sanctions**

- (1) The Secretary of State must before the financial year ending with 31 March 2016 review the sanctions regimes attached to Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment Support Allowance to determine whether they are effective and proportionate for meeting the Government’s objectives.
- (2) As part of this review the Secretary of State must consider—
  - (a) the application of sanctions to claimants who are responsible for the care of children under the age of two,
  - (b) the application of sanctions to claimants who are disabled, and
  - (c) Any other matter that the Secretary of State considers relevant.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause would ensure the Government reviews of the Jobseeker’s Allowance sanctions regime, which would include a review of how sanctions should apply to claimants with children under the age of two and claimant who are disabled.*

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Jess Phillips  
Hannah Bardell  
Corri Wilson

NC10

To move the following Clause—

**“Changes to age of eligible claimants of housing benefit**

- (1) The Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 is amended as follows.

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(2) After section 130(1) insert—

“(1A) The Secretary of State shall not make provision about eligibility for housing benefit in respect of the age of a claimant except by primary legislation.””

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This New Clause aims to ensure that any changes to the age of eligible claimants for housing benefit must be made by primary legislation rather than regulation. The Government intends to withdraw entitlement to housing benefit from 18-21 year olds and it is understood this change would be enacted by regulation.*

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Hannah Bardell  
Corri Wilson  
Dr Eilidh Whiteford

NC11

To move the following Clause—

**“Definition of job quality**

- (1) Within six months of section 1 of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must, by regulation, provide a definition of job quality.
- (2) Before issuing regulations under this section the Secretary of State must carry out a public consultation.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To require the Secretary of State to bring forward a definition of job quality and to ensure there is a consultation on defining job quality.*

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Hannah Bardell  
Corri Wilson

NC12

☆ To move the following Clause—

**“Entitlement to housing costs element of universal credit for 18-21 year olds**

- (1) Entitlement to the housing cost element of Universal Credit shall not be restricted for those 18 to 21 year olds who fall into the following categories—
  - (a) those who have previously been in work;
  - (b) a person who lives independently;
  - (c) those with a disability or mental health problem receiving Employment Support Allowance or Income Support;
  - (d) those with dependent children;
  - (e) pregnant women;
  - (f) those who are owed a rehousing duty under—
    - (i) section 193 of the Housing Act 1996;
    - (ii) section 9 of the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003;
    - (iii) section 73 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014;
  - (g) those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness who are being assisted by local authority housing teams;

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- (h) those who are living in statutory or voluntary sector homelessness accommodation;
  - (i) those who have formerly been homeless and have been supported by voluntary or statutory agencies into accommodation;
  - (j) those who have formerly been homeless between the ages of 16 and 21;
  - (k) a person without family or whom social services have found that a home environment is not suitable for them to live in;
  - (l) care leavers; and
  - (m) those leaving custody.
- (2) Within three months of section [*Entitlement to housing costs element of universal credit for 18-21 year olds*] of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must, by regulation, provide definitions of—
- (a) “a person who lives independently”;
  - (b) “risk of homelessness”; and
  - (c) “a person without family”.

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*To ensure that 18-21 year olds who meet one of the listed conditions are entitled to receive the housing cost elements of universal credit.*

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Priti Patel

129

- ★ Clause 24, page 23, line 22, after “18” insert “and (*Transitional provision*)”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment means that the new clause in amendment NC13 has the same extent as clauses 16 to 18 (England and Wales and Scotland).*

Priti Patel

130

- ★ Clause 24, page 23, line 22, at end insert—

“( ) section (*Expenses of paying sums in respect of vehicle hire etc.*)  
(expenses of paying sums in respect of vehicle hire etc.)”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on NC14, the new clause ‘Expenses of paying sums in respect of vehicle hire etc.’ The new clause extends to England and Wales and Scotland.*

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Anna Turley

93

- Clause 25, page 24, line 2, at end insert—

“(5A) Sections 15(1)(c) and 15(2)(b) comes into force on a day or days as the Secretary of State may appoint by regulation that shall not be before 6 April 2018.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment delays the introduction of the changes to work related requirements until 6 April 2018 (at the earliest). This is to allow the Government’s planned changes to childcare provision to be introduced before the changes to work related requirements take effect.*

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Priti Patel

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Title, line 3, leave out “social mobility” and insert “life chances”

*Member’s explanatory statement*

*This amendment amends the Title to change the words “social mobility” to “life chances” to make the terminology consistent with that used in the Bill.*

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## ORDER OF THE HOUSE [20 JULY 2015]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Welfare Reform and Work Bill:

*Committal*

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

*Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 15 October.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

*Consideration and Third Reading*

4. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

*Other proceedings*

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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## ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE [10 SEPTEMBER 2015]

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 11.30am on Thursday 10 September) meet—
  - (a) at 2.00 pm on Thursday 10 September;
  - (b) at 8.55am and 4.30pm on Tuesday 15 September;
  - (c) at 11.30am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 17 September;
  - (d) at 9.25am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 13 October;
  - (e) at 11.30am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 15 October;
- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

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## TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Thursday 10 September	Until no later than 12.30 am	British Chambers of Commerce; Capp; Manchester City Council; Family Action
Thursday 10 September	Until no later than 1.00 pm	Barnardo's; Women Like Us
Thursday 10 September	Until no later than 2.30 pm	Council of Mortgage Lenders; Building Society Association
Thursday 10 September	Until no later than 3.45 pm	Gingerbread; Centre for Economics and Social Inclusion; Reform; Employment Related Services Association
Thursday 10 September	Until no later than 5.15 pm	Remploy; Shaw Trust; Social Market Foundation; Mind; Scope; Parkinson's UK
Tuesday 15 September	Until no later than 10.00 am	Mencap; National Housing Federation; Local Government Association; L&Q London Housing Association
Tuesday 15 September	Until no later than 10.55 am	Child Poverty Action Group; Professor David Gordon, Professor of Social Justice, University of Bristol; Centre for Research in Social Policy; Centre for Social Justice
Tuesday 15 September	Until no later than 11.25 am	Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Institute of Economic Affairs

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clauses 1 to 10; the Schedule; Clauses 11 to 22; new Clauses; new Schedules; Clauses 23 to 26; remaining proceedings in the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 15 October.

## NOTICES WITHDRAWN

*The following Notices were withdrawn on 2 September:*

Amendment 3

*The following Notices were withdrawn on 7 September:*

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*The following Notices were withdrawn on 9 September:*

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Amendments 11 and 74

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