
Committee Stage: Monday 6 March 2023

Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill

(Amendment Paper)

This document lists all amendments tabled to the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill. Any withdrawn amendments are listed at the end of the document. The amendments are arranged in the order in which it is expected they will be decided.

This document should be read alongside the provisional Selection and Grouping by the Chairman of Ways and Means, which sets out the order in which the amendments will be debated.

★ New Amendments.

☆ Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance.

New Amendments: NC14

Wendy Chamberlain

4

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

Clause 1, page 2, line 10, leave out “30 April” and insert “1 April”

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is that all payments under this Bill should be made no later than 1 April 2023.

Wendy Chamberlain

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Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

Clause 1, page 2, line 14, leave out "31 October" and insert "1 April"

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is that all payments under this Bill should be made no later than 1 April 2023.

Wendy Chamberlain

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Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, leave out "29 February 2024" and insert "1 April 2023"

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this amendment is that all payments under this Bill should be made no later than 1 April 2023.

Sir Robert Neill

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Clause 2, page 2, line 26, after "1p" insert ", or would be so entitled but for the application of the minimum income floor,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would ensure that the variable income of self-employed workers does not leave them excluded from receiving the Government's cost of living payment.

Nigel Mills

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Sir Stephen Timms

Clause 2, page 2, line 27, leave out "one month" and insert "two months"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would extend the assessment period for recipients of universal credit, allowing them to receive the additional payments under this Bill if they had been entitled to a universal credit payment of at least 1p in the two months prior to the qualifying day for each additional payment.

David Linden

2

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

Clause 2, page 2, line 27, at end insert “or—

- (ii) the person would have been entitled to a payment of at least 1p in respect of that period if the person had not been subject to a benefit sanction.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is intended to ensure that, in respect of universal credit, payments under this Bill are not denied to a person who is subject to a benefit sanction.

Sir Robert Neill

8

Clause 10, page 7, line 8, at end insert—

““minimum income floor” has the meaning given by Regulation 62 of the Universal Credit Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/376);”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is linked to Amendment 7, which would ensure that the variable income of self-employed workers does not leave them excluded from receiving the Government’s cost of living payment.

David Linden

NC1

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of bringing forward the second qualifying day

The Treasury must publish, no later than six weeks after the day in which this Act is passed, an illustrative analysis of the impact of this Act on household incomes if —

- (a) the second qualifying date was no later than 15 August 2023, and
- (b) the third qualifying date was no later than 3 January 2024.”

Member's explanatory statement

The intention of this new clause is to explore the impact of bringing qualifying dates forward to the beginning of the school year in Scotland and the beginning of the New Year.

David Linden

NC2

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of cost of living support package

- (1) The Treasury must publish, no later than the next fiscal event after the day on which this Act is passed, a full and detailed analysis of the impact of this Act on households.
- (2) The Treasury may include in the analysis the effect of support for households announced in October 2022 in response to energy price rises.
- (3) The analysis must include an estimate, based on the latest available reliable data, of the impact on household incomes of—
 - (a) payments made under this Act to households on mean-tested benefits,
 - (b) payments made under this Act to recipients of disability benefits.
- (4) The analysis must show impacts across all deciles of household income distribution—
 - (a) in cash terms, and
 - (b) as proportion of net household income.
- (5) The analysis must take into account where relevant differing policy contexts in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- (6) The analysis must include an assessment of the impact of this Act on households of different types, including single parent families, larger families, and pensioner households.”

David Linden

NC3

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Review of distributional effects

The Secretary of State and the Treasury must make a joint assessment of the distributional effects of this Act on —

- (a) rural communities;
- (b) families eligible for free school meals;
- (c) unpaid carers; and

(d) households in each income decile no later than six weeks after this Act is passed and must lay a copy of the assessment before both Houses of Parliament.”

David Linden

NC4

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of increase in universal credit payments

The Secretary of State must produce an assessment within six weeks of this Act being passed of what would be the effects of reintroducing the Universal Credit uplift and increasing it to £25 per week, with regard to—

- (a) household disposable income at each income decile;
- (b) fuel poverty;
- (c) food poverty.”

David Linden

NC5

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of the increase in disability benefit payments

The Secretary of State must produce an assessment within six weeks of this Act being passed of what would be the effects of providing the equivalent of the £20 per week uplift that Universal Credit claimants received between April 2020 and October 2021 to disability benefit claimants, with regard to—

- (a) household disposable income at each income decile;
- (b) fuel poverty;
- (c) food poverty.”

David Linden

NC6

Stephen Flynn
Mhairi Black
Amy Callaghan
Marion Fellows
Brendan O'Hara

To move the following Clause—

“Increasing payments in line with inflation

The Secretary of State and HMRC must ensure that all payments due under this Act are increased by the rate of inflation as measured by the latest Consumer Prices Index at the time of payment, if that is higher than the original amount.”

Debbie Abrahams

NC7

David Linden

To move the following Clause—

“Review of public health and poverty effects of Act

- (1) The Secretary of State must review the public health and poverty effects of the provisions of this Act and lay a report of that review before the House of Commons within six months of the passing of this Act.
- (2) The review must consider —
 - (a) the effects of the provisions of this Act on the levels of relative and absolute poverty across the UK including devolved nations and regions,
 - (b) the effects of the provisions of this Act on socio-economic inequalities and on population groups with protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010 across the UK, including by devolved nations and regions,
 - (c) the effects of the provisions of this Act on life expectancy and healthy life expectancy across the UK, including by devolved nations and regions, and
 - (d) the implications for the public finances of the public health effects of the provisions of this Act.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to report on the public health and poverty effects of the provisions of the Act.

Wendy Chamberlain

NC8

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

To move the following Clause—

“Review of distributional effects

The Secretary of State and the Treasury must make a joint assessment of the distributional effects of this Act on—

- (a) rural communities;
- (b) families eligible for free school meals;
- (c) unpaid carers;
- (d) households including at least one disabled person; and
- (e) households in each income decile,

no later than six weeks after this Act is passed and must lay a copy of the assessment before both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to report on the effects of the Bill on different socioeconomic groups.

Wendy Chamberlain

NC9

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of increase in universal credit payments

The Secretary of State must produce an assessment within six weeks of this Act being passed of what would be the effects of reintroducing the Universal Credit uplift of £20 per week, with regard to—

- (a) household disposable income at each income decile;
- (b) fuel poverty;
- (c) food poverty.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to report on the effects of reintroducing the £20 per week Universal Credit uplift.

Wendy Chamberlain

NC10

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of increase in legacy benefit payments

The Secretary of State must produce an assessment within six weeks of this Act being passed of what would be the effects of uprating legacy benefits by £20 per week, with regard to—

- (a) household disposable income at each income decile;
- (b) fuel poverty;
- (c) food poverty.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to report on the effects of a £20 per week uplift for legacy benefits (benefits in payment before the introduction or transfer to Universal Credit).

Wendy Chamberlain

NC11

Ed Davey
Daisy Cooper
Sarah Olney
Tim Farron
Christine Jardine

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of additional payment

The Secretary of State must produce a report within six weeks of this Act being passed on the effects of the Energy Price Guarantee increase on households with regard to—

- (a) household disposable income at each income decile;
- (b) inflation;
- (c) economic growth;
- (d) affordability of road fuel costs;
- (e) fuel poverty.”

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the Government to report on the effect on households of the Energy Price Guarantee increase.

John McDonnell

NC12

To move the following Clause—

“Assessment of effect on poverty of extending the triple lock to more social security benefits

The Secretary of State must lay before the House of Commons within 30 days of the date on which this Act is passed an assessment of—

- (a) the merits and costs of extending the triple lock to working age social security benefits, in order to reduce poverty and fuel poverty; and
- (b) current and projected levels of household poverty and fuel poverty over the year ending 31 March 2024, broken down by protected characteristics including age, gender, ethnicity and disability."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause would require the DWP to report on the feasibility of extending the triple lock to all social security, to tackle poverty and fuel poverty.

Wendy Chamberlain

NC13

☆ To move the following Clause—

"Payment date

The Secretary of State and HMRC must seek to make all payments due under this Act no later than 1 April 2023."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause is intended to require the Government to make all payments listed in this Bill by 1 April 2023.

Sir Robert Neill

NC14

★ To move the following Clause—

"Review of coverage of self-employed workers

The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament within three months of the date on which this Act is passed an assessment of how many recipients of payments under this Act live in households where at least one earner is a self-employed worker."

Member's explanatory statement

This new clause is intended to highlight that the variable income of self-employed workers may leave them excluded from receiving the Government's cost of living payments.

Order of the House

[21 February 2023]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security (Additional Payments) (No. 2) Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Proceedings in Committee, on Consideration and on Third Reading

2. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings in Committee of the whole House.
4. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House, to any proceedings on Consideration or to proceedings on Third Reading.

Other proceedings

5. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.
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Withdrawn Amendments

The following amendments were withdrawn on 22 February 2023:

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