


Response received by telephone

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General Points

- There have been questions taken out of the Easy Read version.
- A ministerial foreword would be useful on the Easy Read.
- An acknowledgment of receipt of views.

Consultation questions

1) Social attitudes, suitable employment (including voluntary work), facilities and costs. For example, Eurostar will not allow wheelchairs in standard class and so people are required to upgrade. Medical insurance is higher and when and where people can go on holiday may be affected.

2) The Mobility and Care components should be kept in some form. In certain areas definitions could be clarified and possibly broadened to include disabilities that are not so obvious.

3) There are many things that need to be purchased that you would not associate with the extra costs people face and that many others take for granted. For example, nappies, air freshener and scented bin bags.

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- a) No
- b) Yes, it will mean people will be excluded.

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- a) Possibly
- b) Yes. It should be based on looking at what it will enable people to do and not on what they can't do.

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- a) Further consultation would be required on this question.
- b) Similar to answer given in question 1. Work and travel.

7) Further consultation would be required on this question.

- 8)
- a) Yes but this should not necessarily lead to a reduction in their benefit.
 - b) Further consultation would be required on this question.
 - c) It should be taken into account if they already use them/can get hold of them easily. It should also be taken into account when they are not easily accessible or you face extra costs in getting them eg. Importation costs.
- 9)
- a) The application could be made available in Easy Read. You could also look at scrapping certain questions which do not have meaning.
 - b) Further consultation would be required on this question.
- 10)
- a) The applicant themselves and specialists (including social workers and consultants.)
 - b) Further consultation would be required as well as a clear and detached internal consultation.
- 11)
- a) A person with an atypical disability that people do not recognise would be disadvantaged.
 - b) This needs to be looked at carefully and I can't answer it at this stage.
- 12)
- a) Further consultation would be required on this question.
 - b) Possibly but further consultation would be required.
- 13) Further consultation would be required on this question.
- 14)
- a) Further consultation would be required on this question.
 - b) Further consultation would be required but it could become a postcode lottery.
- 15)
- a) Further consultation and research would be required on this question.
 - b) Yes but you would need further consultation.
- 16) Further consultation would be required on this question.
- 17)
- a) Further consultation would be required on this question.
 - b) Further consultation would be required on this question.
 - c) This would have very serious negative effects. It must be remembered that people who are tenants do not qualify for the Warm Front Scheme.
- 18) There have been a lot of claims that there is joined up government. This would be a chance to prove it. It would help to allow the sharing of information on council tax, housing benefit, income support and incapacity benefit. DLA

should be linked to carers' allowance. You should limit access to what is necessary and allow them to feed information to each other. You could also do this with local hospitals and electricity companies to gain a fuller picture.

19) I don't think it would have an adverse effect.

20) Nothing at the moment.