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Dear Sirs

#### DLA Consultation

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to comment on the proposed Personal Independence Payment to replace Disabled Living Allowance which I have been receiving since 15<sup>th</sup> July 1992. My disability is the result of having four cartilages in my knees removed and one knee cap. I am able to move about the house having re-adapted the kitchen and bathroom, also recently installed a stair lift. I use a wheelchair when out, and adapted motor car, driving with hand controls having a hoist to get the wheelchair into the car.

I have seen your web site and will respond to Chapter 5 questions (relating to Chapter 2 questions 1-16) which generally appear to affect me:-

1) Accessibility to buses and stations because wheelchairs are not anchored down on buses by getting thrown about over road humps. A busy inter-change locally at Ealing Broadway has no access. There can only be a slow improvement of our public buildings because of age, cost and variation.

3) The costs of being able to move about:-

- a) Capital Cost and Depreciation of electric wheelchair.
- b) Capital Cost and Depreciation of converting car to hand controls and of wheelchair hoist.
- c) Capital Cost and Depreciation of Tens Machine sleep assistance.
- d) Maintenance costs: new batteries, new electro-pads and jell.
- e) Without a car I would be virtually confined to the house – even arranging a week's holiday is more costly
- f) Help in the house.

4) I agree two rates for each component is an improvement.

5) On the individual; yes should continue for 28 days when in hospital. I generally agree with what is trying to be achieved

6) The ability to freely move about as much as is possible.

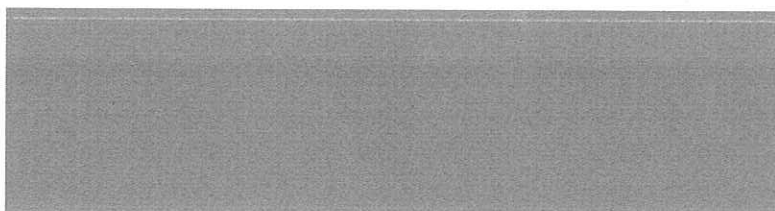
7) Very good not to ignore wheelchairs. If I am confronted with a large capital outlay I use my savings.

8) Please refer answer to question 3. Yes, very important to encourage the disabled and for them to keep the brain active, such as reading and hobbies in the house with others or on their own.

9) When I first put in hand control adaptations, which I was bound to tell Swansea Car Licensing about they never subsequently told me I was exempt from Road Tax. Which I went on paying for until by chance finding out I was exempt, and stopped.

10 & 11) Provided the healthcare professionals and particularly the occupational therapist is assured of funds to carry out their proper function – I can not tolerate any longer contact with social workers, who may be theoretical qualified, but without practical life experience.

Yours faithfully,

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