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Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP
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Dear Sir Stephen,

At our meeting on 19 December 2023, you requested further information about the administrative exercise (AE) we started on 20 September 2021 to identify claimants who may be eligible for more support under Personal Independence Payment (PIP) following the MM Supreme Court judgment.

Number of cases where additional information is requested

Currently, accurate data on the number of cases where additional information is requested is not available.

The number of the 326,000 people within this exercise who are receiving PIP now

Robust data is not available to answer this question.

We estimate the number of claimants who are newly entitled to PIP through the MM AE to be small.

The MM AE caseload includes claimants who had a PIP entitlement on 6 April 2016, or a PIP decision made after this date but before DWP implemented the MM judgment into our assessment processes for all new decisions. This means the caseload includes some claimants who did not have a daily living award at some time during the period we are considering.

Some of these claimants may not have been awarded PIP at all, or may have been awarded the mobility component only, at either the standard or enhanced rate. If they could materially benefit from the MM judgment, which can only affect a claimant's assessment in the Daily Living part of the PIP assessment, their claim(s) will be reviewed as part of this exercise.

Average award claimants are receiving and the range of payments as a result of this exercise

The median arrears amount paid is £4,924.38, with the minimum, so far, being less than £4.00 and the maximum over £23,000.00.

High arrears payments are possible for older cases affected from April 2016 where claimants move from a nil to standard daily living award. The difference between nil to standard daily living is greater than standard to enhanced daily living.

Yours sincerely,

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