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Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Chair, Work and Pensions Committee

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Dear Stephen,

At the Secretary of State's appearance at the Work and Pensions Select Committee on 7th July 2021, she outlined the Department's commitment to communicate with claimants ahead of the end of the temporary UC uplift.

The first communication will be done tomorrow (23rd July) by updating claimant statements, notifying them of how much of their standard allowance is a result of the temporary uplift that has been provided in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will do further communications with claimants over the Summer via their statement and journal messages ahead of the uplift ending in the Autumn, making it clear that it will no longer be included in their standard allowance. The way the journal system works is that by default it triggers a notification alert to claimants via email or text, depending on their preferred method of communication.

As the Secretary of State made clear at the Select Committee we are not writing letters to claimants.

Will Quince MP

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