

OFFICIAL



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

**Peter Schofield CB**  
**Permanent Secretary**  
**Department for Work and Pensions**  
Caxton House  
Tothill Street  
LONDON  
SW1H 9DA  
[ps@dw.p.gov.uk](mailto:ps@dw.p.gov.uk)  
[www.gov.uk/dwp](http://www.gov.uk/dwp)

**Dame Meg Hillier MP**  
**Chair**  
**Public Accounts Committee**  
House of Commons  
LONDON  
SW1A 0AA

*Sent electronically*

22 December 2021

*Dear Meg*

**Treasury Minute 9: Fraud and Error - Recommendation 3**  
**Treasury Minute 26: Department for Work and Pension's Accounts**  
**2019-20 - Recommendation 2**

I am writing to provide you an update in regards to our delivery of the Committee's recommendations concerning setting an overall Fraud and Error target for DWP.

In the Committee's report on Fraud and Error (HC 253), recommendation 3 asked me to write to the Committee with the Department for Work and Pension's targets for reducing fraud and error. Within the Committee's Department for Work and Pensions Accounts 2019–20 (HC 681) Report, recommendation two also requested that we set a fraud and error target. In my letter to the Committee of 22 September, I outlined the Department's progress towards achieving this and the need to understand the outcome of the Spending Review before setting the fraud and error reduction target.

As set out in my letter of 13 December, we have now received additional funding for fraud and error to build on our SR allocation. We need to work through the implications of this announcement of additional funding for setting a fraud and error target, so will update the Committee in the New Year.

*Yours sincerely  
Peter Schofield*

**Peter Schofield CB**  
Permanent Secretary