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Dear Guy,

Further to our correspondence in November, I am writing to let you know that the Secretary of State has written to tell us that she has “no intention” at present of publishing the research conducted by NatCen for DWP about disability benefits. I enclose a copy of her letter.

You will have seen the Committee’s letter of 16 December to the Secretary of State, which explained what we would do in these circumstances.

The Committee accordingly agreed at its meeting this morning to use the powers given to it by the House of Commons to order NatCen Social Research to provide a copy of the final report—as submitted to DWP on 16 September 2020—of the research entitled *The Uses of Health and Disability Benefits* no later than **Thursday 27 January 2022**.

Thank you for your co-operation with our work on this matter so far. As we said in our letter of 16 December, the Committee would much have preferred the research to be published by the Department, as was envisaged when it was commissioned.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP

Chair, Work and Pensions Committee