

Written evidence submitted by Gary Nicholson

I HAVE BEEN SELF EMPLOYED FOR 5 YEARS AND DURING THIS TIME I HAVE WORKED AS PAYE FOR TWO COMPANIES WHEN SELF EMPLOYMENT WORK DRIED UP. HMRC INFORMED ME THAT DURING 2018-2019 MY PAYE EARNINGS WERE MORE THAN MY SELF EMPLOYED EARNINGS AND THEREFORE I AM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME FUNDING. REGARDLESS OF SELF EMPLOYMENT OR PAYE I WAS WORKING ON SITE AND PAYING UK TAXES WHICH I HAVE DONE FOR 36 YEARS (I'M 52 YEARS OLD).

THE GOVERNMENT CLOSED THE SITE I WAS WORKING ON AND THEN LOCKED THE COUNTRY DOWN. I HAVE HAD A CLAIM FOR UNIVERSAL CREDIT WHICH IS £438 PER MONTH, TO FEED AND PAY BILLS FOR MY WIFE MY SON (WHO IS A UNIVERSITY STUDENT AGED 21) AND MYSELF TO FEED, I FIND IT HARD TO BECAUSE I HAVE NO SAVINGS, THE ONLY SOURCE OF MONEY I HAVE IS THE £3000 OVERDRAFT THAT I HAVE USED TO BUY FOOD FOR THE 3 OF US OVER THE 13 WEEKS I HAVE HAD NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING, MY WIFE DOES NOT WORK AND I AM THE ONLY BREAD WINNER.

I LOOK FORWARD AT GETTING BACK TO WORK BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO LOW IN MY LIFE.

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