

# Health, Social Security & Housing Scrutiny Panel

## Income Support

### PUBLIC SESSION

### Record of Meeting

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Meeting Number: 32

Present	Deputy J. A. Martin – Chairman, Deputy G. Southern, Vice-Chairman, Deputy C. J. Scott Warren and Connétable S. A. Yates
Apologies	
Absent	
In attendance	Charlie Ahier, Scrutiny Officer

Ref Back	Agenda matter	Action
	<p><b>1. Notes of previous meetings</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel approved the notes of their meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.</p>	
	<p><b>2. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted that the Deputy Scott Warren had not yet investigated the payment of Attendance Allowance in the UK.</p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed to follow up their letter concerning same sex relationships to the Income Tax Department. It was agreed to request a response in time for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security.</p>	<p><b>CSW</b></p> <p><b>CA</b></p>
	<p><b>3. Public responses to the 'Call for Evidence'</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel received and noted an updated log of submissions from members of the public.</p> <p>Following due consideration of the submissions the Sub-Panel agreed to the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group the individual submissions into common areas of concern;</li> <li>• Write to the Minister to confirm whether a child in a single parent household can be held financially responsible for sibling(s);</li> <li>• Write to the Minister requesting a breakdown of the numbers of cases under review, appeal or reassessment;</li> </ul>	<p><b>CA</b></p> <p><b>CA</b></p> <p><b>CA</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write to the Minister asking if claimants who received HIE under the old system all receive HMAs under Income Support. Additionally asking if new claimants under the new system, who would have been eligible for HIE under the old system, will be entitled to receive HMAs;</li> <li>• Write to the Minister for Social Security seeking clarification as to the difference between 'Adult Disability Allowance' and 'Attendance Allowance' and the transition arrangements from one benefit to the other;</li> </ul>	<p><b>CA</b></p> <p><b>CA</b></p>
	<p><b>4. Legal Advice</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel noted the legal advice received from Advocate Rosemary Colley of Viberts.</p>	
	<p><b>5. Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel considered the arrangements for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security and agreed the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop question area headings and circulate to the Sub-Panel for approval prior to forwarding to the Minister for Social Security for his information prior to the Public Hearing;</li> <li>• Invite all members of the public who made a submission pertaining to this review to attend upon the Sub-Panel at the Public Hearing on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008;</li> </ul>	<p><b>CA</b></p> <p><b>CA</b></p>
	<p><b>6. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The Sub-Panel agreed meet at 9:30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May to prepare for the Public Hearing with the Minister for Social Security.</p>	

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