During the recent Universal Credit hearing held on 9 July 2018, we agreed to provide the Committee with the following information:

a) **Provide some examples of where we have worked with organisations that are attempting to change policy (Q158-162).**

The department has worked with a number of organisations during the development and roll-out of Universal Credit. We have historically listened to concerns raised and, where possible, considered or made a number of changes to the programme. It is not always possible to incorporate some of the changes being requested by these organisations as they may require changes to current legislation or policies. We will continue to work with these organisations during the continuing roll-out of the programme.

Please find below some examples of the organisations lobbying for policy changes as requested:

- **Resolution Foundation** - Restore Work allowances ¹
- **Citizens Advice** - Restore Work Allowances, abandon Minimum Income Floor ²
- **Joseph Roundtree Foundation** - Increase the Work Allowance ³
- **Trussell Trust** – End Benefits Freeze ⁴
- **Gingerbread** – Reverse Work Allowance cuts ⁵

³ [https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/keeping-more-what-you-earn?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2020%20July%202018&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2020%20July%202018&CampaignID%206b3e2e5e6c6a6f1da1e9e0f0150f9dc76f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20more](https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/keeping-more-what-you-earn?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2020%20July%202018&utm_content=JRF%20weekly%20round-up%20wc%2020%20July%202018&CampaignID%206b3e2e5e6c6a6f1da1e9e0f0150f9dc76f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Read%20more)
b) Confirmation of the budget set aside for exits (Q197-199).

We agreed to confirm the budget set aside for staff exits within our UC plans. £25m has been allocated.

Yours sincerely,

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