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From the Chair

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Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP
Secretary of State for Work and Pensions
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Dear Amber,

Managed migration to Universal Credit

I would be grateful if you could provide some clarity about your plans for the ‘managed migration’ of claimants to Universal Credit. Your willingness to listen to concerns and to change the Department’s approach accordingly is very much appreciated, but there seems to be some confusion about exactly what changes are being made. I’m afraid that the Minister’s answers during yesterday’s Urgent Question have not done much to clear things up.

The [Universal Credit \(Managed Migration\) Regulations 2018](#), laid on 5 November, are still before the House. During Questions on Monday, you said that you wished “to consider carefully when I bring to the House the vote for the 3 million managed migration, which is scheduled for 2020”.

It has, however, been widely reported that you plan in the short term to seek parliamentary approval only for the 10,000 person “managed migration” pilot and for the Severe Disability Premium transitional protections—as recommended in our recent report on *Universal Credit and disabled people*. If true, that would be hugely welcome.

Might I please ask you to confirm:

- 1) Whether it is true that you plan to take a different approach to ‘managed migration’, and if so what that approach is;
- 2) In particular, whether you will ask Parliament to legislate to allow for the large scale ‘migration’ of existing claimants to UC only after the pilot of 10,000 people has taken place and been evaluated;
- 3) What plans you have in the meantime to legislate for the payment of transitional protection to people who receive Severe Disability Premium;



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4) Whether you plan to make a statement to the House about the new approach, and if so when that statement might be.

With best wishes and I look forward to hearing from you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Field'.

Rt Hon Frank Field MP
Chair