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House of Commons,
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PIP and ESA Assessments inquiry

Dear Frank,

Following your letter dated 6th December on PIP and ESA assessments, I attach a response.

Sarah Newton MP
Minister for Disabled People, Health & Work
PIP and ESA Assessments inquiry

Thank you for your questions around PIP and ESA quality. I can provide the following information in response to your questions.

1. I can confirm that all reports deemed unacceptable in the PIP data set conform to the criteria listed at 3.5.5. This criteria took effect from the 1st March 2016. The criteria has evolved since then but any changes will have been minor iterations.

2. The data you requested on Acceptable, Acceptable HP learning required and Acceptable Report amendment required can be found at the following link, in Table 22; https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/work-and-pensions-select-committee-pip-and-esa-assessments-inquiry-supporting-statistics

3. The data on the proportions of CHDA reports graded A, B and C can be found at the following link, in Table 23; https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/work-and-pensions-select-committee-pip-and-esa-assessments-inquiry-supporting-statistics

4. The criteria for ESA reports graded A, B and C are;

   - A – Key requirements are satisfied to the extent that the product fully conforms to the required standards.
   - B – Key requirements are adequately satisfied. However, the auditor can specify elements that would quantifiably enhance the value of the product.
   - C – Key requirements are not satisfied to the extent that the product fails to meet the required standards.