



# House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee



## How well is the Access to Work scheme doing?

Please tell us what you think by Friday 18th July 2014



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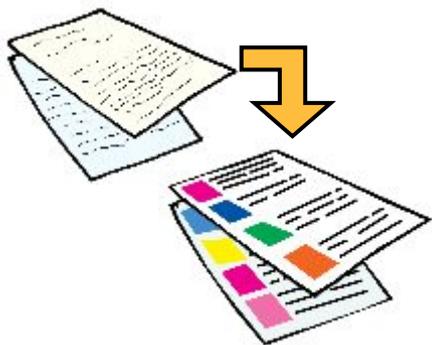
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In this committee we are asking people what they think about help for disabled people who work or want to work.

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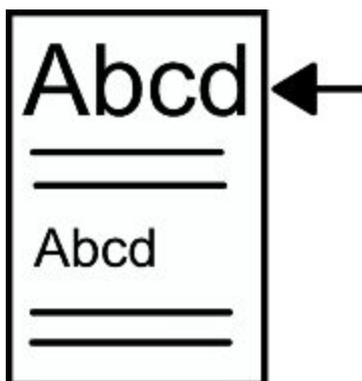


We are going to do this in parts, this is the first part.



Here we want to find out more about **Access to Work**.

**Access to Work** is the scheme to help disabled people get and stay in work, it is run by the Department for Work and Pensions.



Any difficult words in this report have been put in **bold**. We have tried to explain them as we go along.

## Access to Work



Access to Work can give money to help with things like:

- special equipment



- travel to work



- support workers.



The scheme helped 31,000 people last year.



The scheme was looked at by Liz Sayce in 2011.



She found out that some people did not know much about the scheme.



This included:

- people with learning disabilities



- small firms and organisations



- people with mental health problems.



Since then, the government has tried to tell more people about the scheme and what it can be used for.

# Tell us what you think about Access to Work



We want to hear what you think about **Access to Work**.



We especially want to hear about:

- how easy it was to find out about the scheme



- asking to be on the scheme



- being **assessed**, checked to see if you meet the rules for the scheme



- how good the scheme is at supporting people with learning disabilities and mental health problems



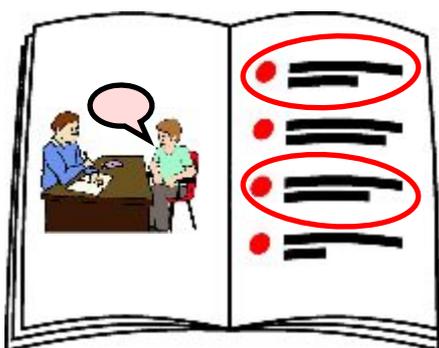
- how the scheme helped you get a job



- how the scheme helped you stay in work or move on to better jobs.



Please tell us about other things as well if you think they are important.



You do not need to tell us about every point, just the ones you want to tell us about.



## How to tell us what you think

1. We need people to write down what they think in no more than 3,000 words.



2. We also like it in a **Word document**. Word is a computer programme.



3. If you use Word and can use numbers, please add a number to each paragraph, like these but from the beginning to the end (don't worry if you can't do this).



4. It is best if we can have this sent over the internet.

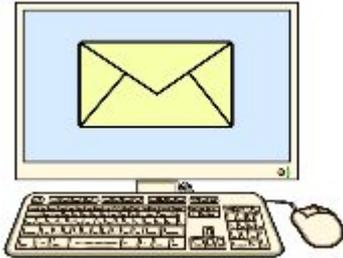


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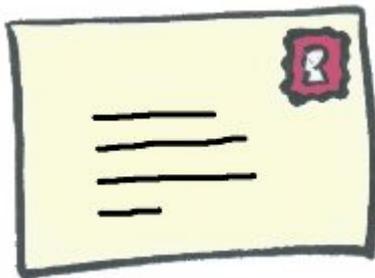
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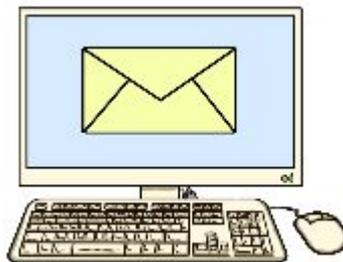
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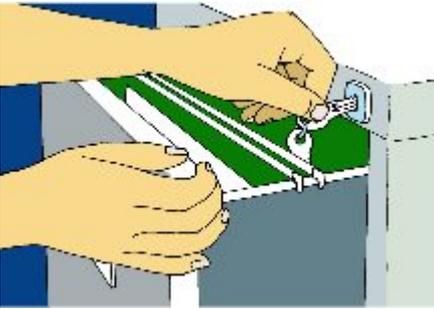
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If you send us something it then belongs to the committee.

This means we are allowed to use the information and usually put it in our report that people can see on the internet.



If you tell us something that you think should be kept private do tell us what and why.



## **What happens next?**

We will look at everything people tell us, ask other people questions and write a report about what we find out.



Our report will try to change things for the better.



You will be able to read our report and the things other people have said.



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