



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

The Rt Hon DAVID GAUKE MP  
Secretary of State for Work & Pensions

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Dear Ms Hall,

**RE: CONVERSION OF INCAPACITY BENEFIT CLAIMANTS TO EMPLOYMENT  
AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE**

I write in response to your recent letter sent on behalf of the National Association of Welfare Rights Advisers relating to the conversion of former Incapacity Benefit and Severe Disablement Allowance claimants to Employment and Support Allowance. I am aware of the good work NAWRA does in the field of welfare rights and would like to thank you for raising these concerns.

I can confirm that the Department's officials are currently investigating this matter. Unfortunately I am not able to provide any further information until these investigations have been concluded. I would however be happy for the Department's officials to make contact with your organisation and other stakeholders once they have completed this work if that would be acceptable.

Thank you again for your interest and if you are in agreement I will ask my officials to contact NAWRA at a later stage.

*Your sincerely*

**The Rt Hon David Gauke MP**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS**

