

21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

Rt Hon Esther McVey MP  
Department for Work & Pensions  
Caxton House  
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Dear Esther,

I attach a copy of the email received from Mr Andy Pennington, who has been doing valiant work helping people migrate to UC, through the Bridport Office of the CAB in my constituency.

As you will see from the enclosure, Mr Pennington draws attention to the fact that Chris Grayling originally made a commitment to introduce a code of practice for recovering overpayments of benefits or tax credits or Universal Credit from UC claimants.

As you will also see, Mr Pennington suggests that it would be helpful both for claimants and for the reputation of UC as a whole if such a code of practice could be formulated and published.

I have to say that this seems to me to be a very reasonable proposition, as well as being in line with the commitment originally given.

I hope, therefore, that you may be willing to take this forward and produce a code of practice of this sort.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



SIR OLIVER LETWIN

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