

Briefing for the Citizen Participation and Public Petitions Committee on petition PE1913: Fast-track future Adult Disability Payment applications for people undergoing cancer treatment, lodged by Wendy Swan

Brief overview of issues raised by the petition

[Petition PE1913](#) asks for ‘fast-track’ payments of Adult Disability Payment for those undergoing cancer treatment.

- [ADP is replacing Personal Independence Payment](#) (PIP) in Scotland in 2022.
- Initially ADP will have much the same legal rules as PIP. This is to ensure ‘safe and secure transfer’ from the DWP benefit to Social Security Scotland.
- Like PIP, ADP will ‘fast track’ claims if a person is terminally ill – albeit there is a wider definition of ‘terminal illness’ in ADP.
- A consultation on ADP was held in early 2021. The [consultation analysis](#) did not refer to anyone making the same suggestion as the Petitioner.
- Regulations setting out the rules for ADP are due to be introduced shortly by the Scottish Government. These will be considered by the Social Justice and Social Security Committee in due course.
- [PQ S6W-02362](#), referred to by the petitioner, answered on 3rd September, referred to the new rules on terminal illness,

but did not make any statement about whether cancer treatment ought to trigger fast-track payments.

- There will be an independent review of ADP 2023, and this will be an opportunity to consider possible changes to the rules. ([Review announced in ADP consultation paper December 2020](#))

Key Organisations and relevant links

- [MacMillan Cancer Support](#)
- [Marie Curie Scotland](#)
- [Disability and Carer Benefit Expert Advisory Group](#)
- [Dr Linda De Caestecker](#) (Director of Public Health, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and chair of the short-life working group that considered the rules for the Scottish definition of terminal illness.
- [Inclusion Scotland](#)

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