

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE
SOCIAL SECURITY (SCOTLAND) BILL
ANONYMOUS SUBMISSION

Section 9 DHP's.

Q. Continuing DHP's

Yes, continue DHP's as they currently are.

Q. Other views

I think all LA's & RSL's in Scotland should offer them, it should be compulsory.

Also, in the description of DHP's which is with the email, could we have a mention of the difference in 'average' low wages in different parts of Scotland? (Maybe there is a fuller description of DHP's?) A tenant recently referred to 'average' low wages being different in different parts of Scotland. The point is that DHP might get paid to a tenant in one part of Scotland & not in another, (because the low wage problem in an area might be lower than another area). So area difference have to be considered.

Also, I noticed the Fraud Section in the Main Social Security Benefits document when I contributed to it with Tayforth & as an Individual. We & myself did not say anything to the Fraud Section, which left me wondering; it's tricky! Regarding DHP, could some thought be given to DHP being used fraudulently, that a person realises they could get more money by just saying they want more & asking for it? And could they take advantage or lie about their need of DHP? Wanting is different from needing. But how can they prove their need to the authorities, & will the authorities 'see' the fraud? I don't like anyone taking advantage or laughing up their sleeve at us. They mustn't be allowed to see us as a 'soft touch'.