



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Constituent,

A Response to the Universal Credit Campaign

Thank you for contacting me about Universal Credit.

Universal Credit is a major reform that will transform the welfare state in Britain and was rolled out in Dumfries and Galloway earlier this year. At the heart of it is a belief that work should always pay. Under the new system, benefit will be withdrawn gradually as claimants start work or increase their earnings, meaning their total income always goes up.

I welcome the announcement in this week's Budget that from April 2019 Universal Credit claimants will benefit from a £1,000 increase in work allowances. This means that working parents and people with disabilities on Universal Credit will be £620 better off every year and will allow households to keep more of what they earn by reducing the amount of their earnings that is subject to the Universal Credit taper rate.

The Chancellor also announced additional support for claimants as they make the transition to Universal Credit, and the Government has been clear that it will continue to listen and respond as it rolls out the new system.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with your claim for Universal Credit, or any other aspect of the system, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alister Jack'.

Alister Jack DL MP
Dumfries and Galloway constituency.