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**Subject:** RE: Off Sen increasing standard allowance

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Thanks

Katie and I also just discussed.

We also need:

- Clarity on how quickly can be implemented. Ideally from tomorrow/next week.
- How many will benefit
- Equivalent on legacy
- If not possible on legacy, is there a clear rationale – with vulnerable people at heart of that – for why not
- Do we need to change 5 week wait? Cost of turning advance into a grant?

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Hi David

With thanks to Graeme's team, cost wise for every £10 increase per week it's about £1.7bn. To draw equal with SSP you'd need to increase by £21 per week, which is £3.6bn.

We could uprate in UC relatively quickly, but not in legacy – the lead in times for the IT on legacy is very long ([NR] first reaction was April 2021). We'll push on that to see what could be done to expedite but just wanted to flag.

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