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With apologies for the chopping and changing, it now looks like the CX will not include welfare in his statement today. I think this means that we should continue to explore and develop the options – but hopefully to a more sensible timetable. I think, but to be honest don't know for sure, the decision came down to focus of today's statement rather than substance of potential measures.

Thank you for the help on this throughout today; particularly in the context of wider challenges that you are addressing across DWP. It would be good to take stock after today's statement and discuss next steps.

Thanks

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Now copied to Jonathan and Lindsey. Grateful if you could treat sensitively, CX will announce at 5pm that the UC standard allowance will be increased temporarily by £20 per week to take it broadly to the rate of SSP for over 25s at a cost of more than £3.5bn.

We are urgently locking down his speech – very happy to speak as appreciate that this has been worked up at considerable speed.

I am WFH – best number to get me on is [Irrelevant & Sensitive]

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