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Subject: RE: Off Sen increasing standard allowance

Flag: Follow up

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 [Name Redacted] 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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Thanks Katie

Will call shortly. We also need equivalent change in legacy. For announcement today.

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[redacted] NR has asked me to get in touch on increasing standard allowance. We are supportive, easier to operationalise in UC than the legacy system. Good to discuss - [redacted] I&S

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