

## Answers booklet

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### In work, better off

A paper about the next steps to work - asking what you think

**DWP**

Department for  
Work and Pensions


# How to tell us what you think

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Please make sure that you tell us what you think by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007.

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# About you



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If you are part of a group and speaking for your group please tell us about the people or organisation you are speaking for.

**Organisation:**

How many people gave their views?

How were their views collected?

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If you do not want us to share your information, please let us know.

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# The questions



## Question 1

At the moment, lone parents can get Income Support until their youngest child is 16.  
Is that right or should it stop at a younger age?



## Question 2

What age should the youngest child be when lone parents stop getting Income Support?



### Question 3

Should we do more to make our support for lone parents accessible and useful for all groups, such as parents of disabled children?

## Question 4



At the moment, lone parents are offered more interviews to help them find work in the 2 years before they stop getting Income Support.

If Income Support is going to stop earlier, should we offer other sorts of support? How long should we offer this for?

## Question 5



What sort of extra support should we give lone parents who move from Income Support to Jobseeker's Allowance?

How long should we give them this support?

## Question 6



Some people on Jobseeker's Allowance can say how many hours per week of work they are looking for (as long as it is over 16 hours).

Should we allow people to limit their job search in other ways if we make these changes?



## Question 7

How can we show parents that they will be better off working?



### Question 8

Should there be any extra support for lone parents who move onto other types of benefits like Employment and Support Allowance?



## Question 9

We have made childcare better and given people the right to ask to do their work hours in a way that fits their life.



What extra support should we give lone parents to help them into work and support them in their jobs?

## Question 10



What more could we do to help poor working families to earn more?



## Question 11

What more could we do to help ethnic minority women, including Pakistani and Bangladeshi women to get work?



## Question 12

Are we right to ask people who have been on benefits the longest to do more to find work in return for extra support?



### Question 13

Are there any groups or situations where we should not ask people to do more or where we should not offer more support?



## Question 14

Is it right for us to offer support in different stages and in a set order?

## Question 15



Should some people be helped or made to move to the Gateway stage more quickly than others?

Should we look at people's needs and the work they have done in the past? Which groups of people should be helped quickly?

## Question 16



Should we make people do some work experience if they have not got a job after extra help from another service?

How can we make sure that the work experience will be useful?



Is there anything else you would like to tell us?



**Thank you for taking the time  
to fill in this paper.**

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