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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Gentlemen,*

**RE: BENEFIT FRAUD ALGORITHM**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns about fraud checks. I have read your comments with interest.

While I note your concerns about the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) fraud checks, the DWP do not use algorithms to make decisions regarding fraudulent claims. These decisions are always made by humans.

All staff in the DWP undergo Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) training. PSED training is provided to ensure that all DWP staff have the right level of skill and understanding to ensure the equality of treatment for all customers.

Moreover, all fraud investigations are conducted in line with current legislation, including the *Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000* and the *Police & Criminal Evidence Act 1984*.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tom Pursglove'.

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