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Baroness Thomas  
House of Lords

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*Dear Baroness Thomas*

Following our debate on Personal Independence Payment: Mobility Criterion on 4 May 2016 I wanted to write to you to clarify the position on something that I said in the debate.

While many claimants who cannot walk up to 50 metres will receive the mobility component at the enhanced rate, some may not. This will depend on whether they are unable to walk more than 20 metres safely, to an acceptable standard, repeatedly and within a reasonable time period or whether they are able to walk over 20 metres but less than 50 metres but also score points elsewhere on the mobility criteria, under 'Planning and Following Journeys'.

If a claimant cannot walk up to 50 metres safely, to an acceptable standard, repeatedly and within a reasonable time period, then they are guaranteed to receive at least the standard rate of the mobility component.

I do apologise for any misunderstanding I may have caused.

I will place a copy of this letter in the House Library and send a copy to all those who spoke in the debate.

*I am truly sorry that I need to correct this, please accept my apologies.*

*With kind regards  
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**THE BARONESS ALTMANN, CBE  
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