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Signed Determination to extend the temporary Universal Credit surplus earnings de minimis of £2,500 from 1 April 2026

The government has decided that it will continue the temporary increase in the surplus earnings threshold to £2,500 for Universal Credit claimants until 31st March 2027. For this measure to continue to be in force from the 1st April 2026, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions is required to sign a Determination.

I have signed the Determination on behalf of the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, and a PDF copy of the signed Determination is attached for deposit in the House libraries.

Please place a copy of this letter and the signed Determination to extend the temporary Universal Credit surplus earnings de minimis of £2,500 from 1st April 2026 in the House library.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Timms', with a horizontal line above the name.

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