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Dear Peter,

We tabled a P.Q. on the point you raised about wage-stopped claimants, not eligible for S.B. & their entitlement to F.I.S. I thought you'd like to know the answer. —

As we suspected no records are kept of cases refused S.B. because their total incomes, though below the S.B. level, are above the level at which they are being wage-stopped. Therefore no automatic adjustment for F.I.S. can be made for them, ~~that~~ so, unless they've made a fresh claim since F.I.S. was introduced, they'll have lost out completely.

Michael Barnes tabled the P.Q. & we're going to see if he can take the question further.

The 'Once Stop' pamphlet is now
waiting to go to the printer
so should be out in the near
future - your comment was very helpful.

With best wishes

Yr

Ruth.

Alan Walker
Ensl
Thursday.

Dear Peter,

Please find enclosed some basic tabs for the aged in poverty, and some supplementary tabs off for the Means - tests chapters.

I shall be dropping-in to pick up these tabs and your additions on Friday around lunchtime (just about the time you should receive them!). Terribly sorry about the short-notice, you should have had these at least a day earlier.

There are just a couple of points I would like you to consider:

1. What age groupings would you like? I thought a full-range (marked F.) of:
0-19, 20-39, 40-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74,
75-79, 80+
and a short range (S) of 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+

2. There is nothing about 'father's social class' & 'not as well as 10 years ago' in Hazel's tape. (i.e. these tabs will have to be done here).

Anything else can wait for tomorrow.

Alan

Alan Walker
Exeter
Tuesday.

Dear Peter,

Please find enclosed the column count for optain mortgages, which you'll be pleased to find we managed to dig up.

Also there are the tabs for school uniform grants & education maintenance allowance.

Especially interesting are: TABS 29, showing little knowledge of uniform grants, even in the lowest class. TAB 30 showing most large households being unaware of this benefit.

TAB 31 showing only 2% receiving the grants & none going to higher Intermediate grade.

TAB 32 which speaks for itself, as does TAB 121.

TAB 122 emphasises the difficulty of obtaining an educ. maintenance allowance (ie rather of the eligible groups received one) & raises some important questions concerning accessibility & purpose of means-tested benefits.

TAB 43 is similarly indicative. Sorry to go on, but these tabs are at least as interesting as the previous ones on means tested benefits.

Also included are some government figures on maintenance grants. I can't find any on uniform grants (the Dept. of Education & Science say there aren't any).

Alan

P.S. Still no sign of the Disability TABS

