

Submission to the Welfare Reform & Work Act (2016): Karen Taylor

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Re Submissions in your inquiry into the Welfare Reform & Work Act 2016.

Firstly I think its great that this is happening however I note from your list of submissions that you have omitted to include the "bedroom tax". I dont like to call myself disabled but have suffered with long term health problem which effects the amount that I can do on a daily basis. I claim ESA and that is it as I have already been through the system right up to tribunal stage with PIP only to be one point short of standard rate. It was such a horrendous experience, I wont do it again but the bedroom tax is crippling financially and its not my fault my daughter grew up and was forced to move out because it was cheaper for her to do so rather than living with me. I am in a house with a spare room that I love, with good supportive neighbours and everything here is familiar to me, which is important. There are no suitable homes for me to move into and I do not have the spare funds or affordability that would be needed move, never mind having to carpet and make a new place homely!

Incidentally, I am a labour member :)