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Dear Ralph,

**The Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment (No.2)  
Regulations 2010 (SI 2010/870)**

I am writing to you regarding the debate on the above regulations on 21 June to correct a piece of information I gave during my speech.

I said that my Department had written to the Merits Committee before your motion was tabled to give a fuller account of the evaluation methodology for the voluntary deduction trial. In fact, the Minister for Pensions wrote to the Merits Committee four days after your motion was tabled. I apologise for the error on my part.

In your closing remarks you said that you would like to meet officials and statisticians to discuss the proposed evaluation methodology further. If you are still interested please do contact my diary secretary Pam Collis on 020 3267 5038, who will arrange the meeting for you.

I am copying this letter to the Lord Goodlad, Chair of the Merits Committee, and all peers who contributed to the debate.

I will also arrange for a copy to be placed in the House Library.

*Yours sincerely*  
*Darwin*

**Lord Freud**  
**Minister for Welfare Reform**