I have sent a detailed email to you but it shows the UN are looking at universal credit, etc. but nothing about disabled peoples benefits.

I’m 61 and have been disabled for over 35 years. My husband is 75 and has Parkinson’s and early

onset dementia. I was on severe disability benefit until it was changed to ESA (employment support allowance). I was assessed by DWP and put in the support group because I was too sick or disabled to work. I have 5 curvatures in my spine in chronic pain really chronic pain. I blackout up to 5 times a day. My mobility is bad and I need help with personal care DLA. I was on high rate DLA for mobility and high rate care. I have been refused PIP. I did mandatory reconsideration notice and was refused again. That’s when I saw the assessors report and she lied through her teeth so that is why MRC notice was refused again. They used her report and on appeal used her report it’s going to go to tribunal which is currently 9/10 months wait just for a date. I was told by the DWP to apply again as a new claimant which I did.

I needed another face to face assessment which was last week. When she came, she asked my husband who he was and his name. He said husband Dennis Walter. He stopped and looked at me and I said it’s Baker. That shocked me. I know he can’t remember our address and he can’t remember grand children’s names but shocked me he couldn’t remember his last name. We need help coming in but at the moment they have stopped DLA, not awarded PIP. In place

of it, DLA was £564.00 and they have taken £152.00 a week because he has lost the disability element for me which we were getting because we were both severely disabled. We can’t pay our bills. A food bank is giving us food. We are in an adapted bungalow for disabled people wheelchair access a wet room my daughter is putting gas and electric for us but she has 2 disabled children so it’s not fare on her.

My husbands Parkinson’s and the dementia has got worse because of the stress of trying to manage with what little money we have. We used to put change into a jar for the grandchildren but had to break it, open to get money for milk and bread.

I did consider suicide but only thing that stopped me was because my husband needs me. This last assessment on 27th September when I was in the bathroom I called my husband as I needed help. I called again but the assessor was talking to my husband I had to manage best I

could I did not think it was right that she was talking to my husband when I was not in the room when he forgot his name. I told her he had Parkinson’s he couldn’t remember talking to her or what was said she asked me to do certain moves some I refused as I would have hurt myself. I tried to do some today 2nd October I am in even more pain which happens after doing these things even laying on a metal bed to have a ct scan I am in so much more pain.

I was told I could ask to see what she had written she refused and said when the report was done I could ask for a copy. I think this is because she didn’t want me to see what she had written and I expect it to be refused again. I can’t take much more. I do totally believe everyone should check as lots of people claim when they are not disabled but it’s people like us have to prove we are disabled. I know lots of people have committed suicide if they looked back they would see how many times my DLA was stopped went to tribunal overturned in my favour. I have been told tribunals will cost £40 billion pounds not sure at that but so many people have been stopped when they shouldn’t be. Not sure of that amount but tribunals have to be paid assessment centres assessors, travel expenses, extra DWP staff, etc. people I owe people can’t pay other people can’t pay them so if they go under they could be unemployed old saying if it ain’t broke don’t fix it sorry this is long winded when I have already sent an email but mainly I had an assessor who did not act in a professional manner meanwhile we are really struggling.

I hope the United Nations can help us maybe last assessor will do a report in my favour but why would she not let me see what she had written I was meant to be able to see it before she left.

Thank you for your time

Mrs Barbara Baker