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and reply to Constituency Office)

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Dear Mr Grace,

Thank you for attending my surgery to bring to my attention the problems you have experienced with the DWP.

Having taken note of the points you raised, I would like to confirm that I have written to about this matter and received the following response:

Mr Grace was investigated by the Fraud Service as it came to light that he had failed to declare an Income Protection Payment from Trent Services. As a result of these investigations, an overpayment was calculated for the period 25/6/11 to 17/10/11. Mr Grace was offered a caution as opposed to being criminally prosecuted for the offence. Mr Grace did make a complaint to DWP about the original investigation and a full response was issued to him on 29/5/13. As part of this response the Fraud Manager did explain why he had been offered a caution. I have copied the relevant paragraph from the complaint response letter which you may find useful:

As at the interview you made no admissions of guilt a Caution would not normally have been offered to you. A Caution is the least punitive option of 3 alternative sanctions available to the department and would normally be offered where admissions and apologies had been made. Your circumstances i.e. denial, would normally have merited an Administrative Penalty which would have increased your debt to the department by 30%, or, if not accepted, Prosecution. However, Mr W felt that because of your

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