

Correspondence from Mrs Doris Duff on disabilities and transport policy 15 June 2017

Equalities Committee

Dear Sir / Madam, I am extremely saddened that in 2017 I have to write this letter to an "equalities" Committee. I have "discussed" this matter with the Scottish governments transport policy, "transport Scotland" and local MSP's. None of these bodies or people were "interested."

Let us start with "disability". I am sure you try to get people with disabilities into work, but may I speak up for others. In [redacted] there are three wheel chair bound people. They have worked and contributed. One [redacted] has had amputations. Then we have

the children with Rhetto syndrome and cerebral palsy. They do not need work as they will be dependant on 24 hr care.

So let us move on to the transport policy. Free to all pensioners and disabled including a carer. The transport policy ensures pensioners get this life but and I quote "disabled persons circumstances car change" I presume that means a miracle in most cases.

Therefore every 3 years we have to "prove" we are still disabled. When I sat in my wheelchair at the local library with a DLA letter with a date of 2024 she asked why my pass had run out.

We live in a computer age and yet we cannot identify the "permanently disabled".

We are demeaned by this government.

The tax payer has to pay for all the paperwork and form filling. Renewing a

blue badge every 3 years now entails a 50 page form.

Many disabled people are trying to live a "normal" life but are held back by a government which is only good at sound bites.

I am sick of forms, bureaucracy and being patronised by civil servants.

Are you the people who will fight to allow people to keep and use their travel concession. Allow

parents who struggle, to get out with
their disabled kids without endlessly
proving that they are. Are you able
to stick your heads above the
parapet and challenge a Holyrood policy.
I am cynical enough to think not
but I live in hope. I would add my
children have more social conscience that
any MSP.

yours faithfully

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