

IN THE MATTER

of the Social Security Act 1964

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an appeal by **XXXX** of **XXXX**
against a decision of a Benefits
Review Committee

BEFORE THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL AUTHORITY

Ms M Wallace - Chairperson
Mr K Williams - Member

DECISION ON THE PAPERS

[1] The appellant lodged an appeal with the Authority on 14 July 2014. The appellant's appeal related to a decision by the Chief Executive to pay her Supported Living Payment (formerly Invalid's Benefit) from 10 July 2013 rather than 8 August 2007.

[2] Following the filing of the appeal the Ministry reviewed its decision and determined that the appellant's Supported Living Payments should have commenced from 8 August 2007. Arrears of \$21,677.14 have been paid to the appellant.

[3] On 17 October and 17 November 2014 the Authority wrote to the appellant inviting her to withdraw her appeal. No response was received to this request.

[4] On 16 February 2015 the Authority wrote to the appellant advising that her case would be heard on 10 March 2015. The Courierpack containing the notice of hearing was unable to be delivered. The Authority has been unable to obtain any further information as to the appellant's whereabouts.

[5] As the appellant has not provided any further information indicating whether she accepts the amount paid by the Ministry in settlement we are unable to take this matter any further but as the Ministry have conceded that the appellant's Supported Living Payment should have been paid from 8 August 2007 the appeal is allowed.

DATED at WELLINGTON this 16th day of March 2015

Ms M Wallace
Chairperson

Mr K Williams
Member