

# Five things you need to know today Edinburgh



**Burns Supper**

**Labour MP supports benefits fast track for terminally ill**

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Even if you're not going to or holding a Burns Supper you could still buy a haggis and address it before you eat it!

Just in case you don't know the words.....here they are....

*Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,*

*Great chieftain o' the pudding-race!*

*Aboon them a' ye tak your place, Painch, tripe, or thairm :*

*Weel are ye wordy o'a grace As lang's my arm.*

Listen to Robert Gordon Sinclair reciting it while you do the actions by clicking [here](#).

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Speaking in a debate in Parliament, Mark Lazarowicz MP called on the Government to fast track benefit claims from people with terminal conditions like Motor Neurone Disease and intervened to tell the Minister that the prolonged delays, in some cases of up to 18 months, could mean the outcome comes too late for some people with limited life expectancy.

You can find Mark's main speech [here](#). He went on to comment:

"I strongly support Gordon Aikman's campaign to fast track benefit claims from people with terminal conditions like MND: people are waiting 6 months and in some cases 3 times that just to have an assessment.

"Claims can be fast tracked where someone is not expected to live longer than 6 months but where does that leave someone with MND where the average life expectancy after diagnosis is 14 months?

"The Government should offer financial support to people suffering as a result of the delays caused by its own incompetence but first and foremost it should make sure that their claims are fast tracked.

"The Minister's response in the debate was not acceptable: it's shameful that people who are so ill should spend the last months or year of their life in financial hardship having to fight so hard for the benefits they are entitled to."

He was speaking in a debate on the introduction of the new Personal Independence Payment (PIP), the disability benefit that is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA) which is designed to help seriously ill or disabled people with the extra costs their condition entails.

It was announced earlier in the week that responsibility for

PIP is to be devolved in future and Mark has called for the roll-out of the new benefit to existing DLA claimants to be stopped until it is because of the huge backlog of assessments.

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Have you heard about Cakefest 2015? It is a project right here in the city to build a cake map of some of the key points in the city – and then eat it on Midsummer's Day in the Botanic Gardens.

This is a not-for-profit venture and includes a 'Bakers' Choice' competition for professional and amateur bakers to enter.

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