

Higher fines for dole cheats

JOBSEEKERS will no longer be able simply to 'sign on' for unemployment benefits and welfare cheats will face higher fines and losing their homes, ministers will say this week.

Iain Duncan Smith will today outline his latest reforms of the welfare system, announcing that from this month claimants will have to prepare a CV and agree to weekly meetings with an adviser before receiving benefits.

The Work and Pensions Secretary will also say the last government's 'open door' policy let foreign workers take jobs and helped trap UK workers in 'dependency, hopelessness and despair'.

Also this week, employment

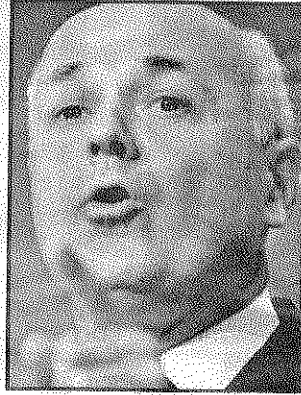
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minister Esther McVey will flesh out efforts to restrict benefits for jobless foreigners.

And welfare minister Mike Penning will set out plans to make benefit fraudsters sell their homes if necessary to pay higher fines in order to reimburse the system.

Welfare reform has been a crucial part of Britain's recovery, Mr Duncan Smith will say, helping to create 'a stable economy matched by a strong society where people are ready and capable of work'.

But he will also tell the Business for Britain campaign group that the job is far from done.



Speech: Iain Duncan Smith