

Response: Pay and pensions for ministers

In line with the Government's announcement of 13 May 2010 concerning the introduction of a five percent reduction in ministerial pay, DCLG has been instructed by the Cabinet Office to set the reduced ministerial salary levels for all ministers from the date of their appointment. All paid ministers in DCLG have been receiving a reduced ministerial salary since their appointment.

Ministers make contributions based on their claimed salary, rather than their entitled salary. DCLG make up the shortfall in contribution on the difference between claimed and entitled salary. The rules of the Parliamentary Contributions Pension Fund currently prevent ministers' contributions being based on the reduced ministerial salary. These arrangements were also in-place under the previous Administration. Please find a link to the relevant Factsheet *Pensions of Ministers and Senior Office Holders* on the Parliament website:

<http://www.parliament.uk/documents/commons/lib/research/briefings/snbt-04586.pdf>

Commons ministers receive five percent less than the combined Parliamentary and ministerial salary claimed by an equivalent minister in the previous administration. Lords ministers receive five percent less than the ministerial salary claimed by an equivalent Lords minister in the previous administration.