



Home Office

Consultation on Changes to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme Membership Data Statistical Bulletin

The firefighters' pensions' team in the Department currently publish two annual statistical bulletins on the firefighters' pensions' schemes in England. The first is published as National Statistics in the summer each year and provides income and expenditure information on the Firefighters' Pension Fund and the second is published as Official Statistics annually in November/December providing basic information on scheme membership data.

The process of collating data from individual fire authorities, validating it and finalising the publications is resource intensive for both the department and fire and rescue authorities. With this in mind, we are proposing to streamline the process by either ceasing to publish the statistical bulletin on scheme membership data, or amalgamating it into the income and expenditure information bulletin, to be published annually each year.

Before making a final decision on this proposal, we are interested in hearing your views on the scheme membership data statistical bulletin:

1. Is the statistical bulletin useful for you?
2. Do you use the information contained in the bulletin regularly?
3. For what purpose do you use the data contained within the statistical bulletin, and what benefits do you derive from it?
4. What problems would be created for you if the scheme membership data statistical bulletin:
 - (i) was amalgamated into a single annual publication with the income and expenditure information bulletin?
 - (ii) ceased to be published?

Please send any comments to FIREPensions@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk by 16 August 2016.

Please note that the next income and expenditure publication, to be published later this summer, will reflect the outcome of this consultation on scheme membership data.

To note on 05 January 2016 the Home Office took responsibility for fire and rescue policy, including the firefighters' pensions' schemes. Further details are available via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fire-and-rescue-policy-to-move-to-the-home-office>

Firefighters' Pensions' Team