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Information request

RE: winter fuel payments to expats in FRANCE.

Would you please provide details of calculations for payments to expats living in FRANCE.

Would you confirm that MAINLAND FRANCE is calculated independent of other French overseas departments. Which if included would greatly distort the calculation to the detriment of those living in mainland France.

To do so would be like including Scotland with Devon.

DWP response

The French Government has decided that certain territories are Overseas Departments of France, and so they are treated in the same way as mainland France; Winter Fuel Payments are currently made to those entitled who live there. Therefore, the hotter French Overseas Departments have been included in the calculation of the average winter temperature of France.