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Information request

For each of the last five financial years (2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012) can you provide:

- 1. The number of people who have applied for 'equal treatment rights' with regards to state pension for periods before the Gender Recognition Act 2004 came into force.*
- 2. The number of people who have been granted 'equal treatment rights' or an 'expression of interest' from The Pension Service.*
- 3. The amount paid out to such claimants in backdated state pensions and reimbursed national insurance contributions*

DWP response

We are able to provide the following response to your request:

Question 1

- For the years 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11 we do not hold information on the number of people who applied for equal treatment rights for periods before the Gender Recognition Act 2004 (GRA) came into force.
- During 2011/12 the department began a special exercise to identify and contact people who may be eligible for equal treatment rights for periods before the GRA. There were 11 applications for equal treatment rights during this year.

Question 2

- Records show that 5 people were successful with applications for equal treatment rights during 2007/8.
- Records show that 2 people were successful with applications for equal treatment rights during 2008/9.
- Records show that 2 people were successful with applications for equal treatment rights during 2009/10.

- Records show that 1 person was successful with an application for equal treatment rights during 2010/11.
- Records show that during 2011/12, when the departmental exercise began, there were 406 expressions of interest issued. In this year 11 applications for equal treatment rights were received, 1 application was disallowed and 10 applications were successful.

Question 3

- In 2007/8 the total amount paid in recalculated State pension payments was £52,580.
- For the years 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11 the payment information requested is exempt under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as this could be linked to identifiable people.
- In 2011/12 the total amount paid in recalculated State pension payments was £131,027 (including lump sum payments (net of tax)).
- The reimbursement of National Insurance contributions is the responsibility of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs.