

## **Freedom of Information request 595/2013**

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### **Information request**

'confirmation that reciprocal agreements are not necessary to uprate pensions in countries where this is no such agreement. i.e. confirm up-rating could be done by domestic legislation'

### **DWP response**

Bi-lateral agreements are not necessary in order for pensions paid outside Great Britain and the EU to be up-rated. There are currently no plans to change the existing longstanding policy of successive governments on the up-rating pensions overseas; this policy was upheld in a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights in 2010 which found in favour of the UK government