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INTRODUCTION

1. This annual National Statistical Notice provides summary statistics on recipients of War Pensions as at 31 March 2012 and new claims, awards and appeals made under the War Pension Scheme (WPS) in 2011/12. This report updates the previous notice for War Pensions Statistics as at 31 March 2011, released on 9 June 2011. Historical information is also provided in order to present time series. Details of the time period covered by each table are presented in the List of Tables on page 3.
2. Pensions, allowances or other payments may be awarded under the WPS to eligible claimants where disablement or death occurs as a result of Service in HM Forces prior to 6 April 2005.
3. Figures presented in this Statistical Notice are based on data stored on the Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency's War Pensions Computer System (WPCS). DASA receive quarterly data extracts from the WPCS which are used to compile the figures provided.
4. The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service on or after that date. Summary statistics for the AFCS can be found in a separate biannual report at www.dasa.mod.uk under 'All Other Publications' and 'Health/Medical Statistics'.

KEY POINTS

5. As at 31 March 2012:
 - 134,430 War Disablement Pensioners (DPs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 5% (n=7,285) since 31 March 2011 (Table 1).
 - 26,375 War Widow(er)s (WWs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 7% (n=2,050) since 31 March 2011 (Table 1).
 - Approximately five out of six Disablement Pensioners (86%) received pensions at the 50% rate or below. The largest group was those at the 20% rate (40% of DPs). 3% of Disablement Pensioners received the 100% disablement rate (Table 1.4).
 - Over half of Disablement Pensioners (53%) and around five-sixths of War Widow(er)s (85%) were aged 70 and over (Table 1.6).
 - The average weekly amount received by Disablement Pensioners, including pension and supplementary allowances,

was £78.57. The average weekly amount received by a Disablement Pensioner at the 100% disablement rate was £339.30 (Table 1.7).

- The average weekly amount received by War Widow(er)s was £223.54. The average weekly War Widow(er)s pension was £120.10, with the remainder comprising supplementary allowances (Table 1.7).

CONVENTIONS

6. In line with DASA's Rounding Policy to maintain anonymity of claimants, all figures have been rounded to the nearest five (totals may not add due to rounding). Figures fewer than 5 have been suppressed and shown as '~'. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1%.

~	Negligible (greater than zero, fewer than 5)
r	Revised
	Break in series
Q1	1 January to 31 March
Q2	1 April to 30 June
Q3	1 July to 30 September
Q4	1 October to 31 December

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Section 1: Recipients of War Pensions

7. **Table 1.1** provides a breakdown for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, scheme and quarter, for the last five quarters of data (31 March 2011 to 31 March 2012).
8. **Table 1.1** shows that as at 31 March 2012 a total of 161,535 individuals were in receipt of War Pensions, of which 134,430 were disablement pensioners, 26,375 were War Widow(er)s and 730 were other types of pensioner.
9. Between 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2012 the total number of War pensions in payment reduced by 5%, from 170,910 to 161,535. The number of War Disablement pensioners in receipt of an ongoing pension decreased by 5% (from 141,715 to 134,430) and the number of War Widow(er)s in receipt of a pension decreased by 7% (from 28,425 to 26,375)

Table 1.1: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, principal scheme and quarter, 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2012, numbers

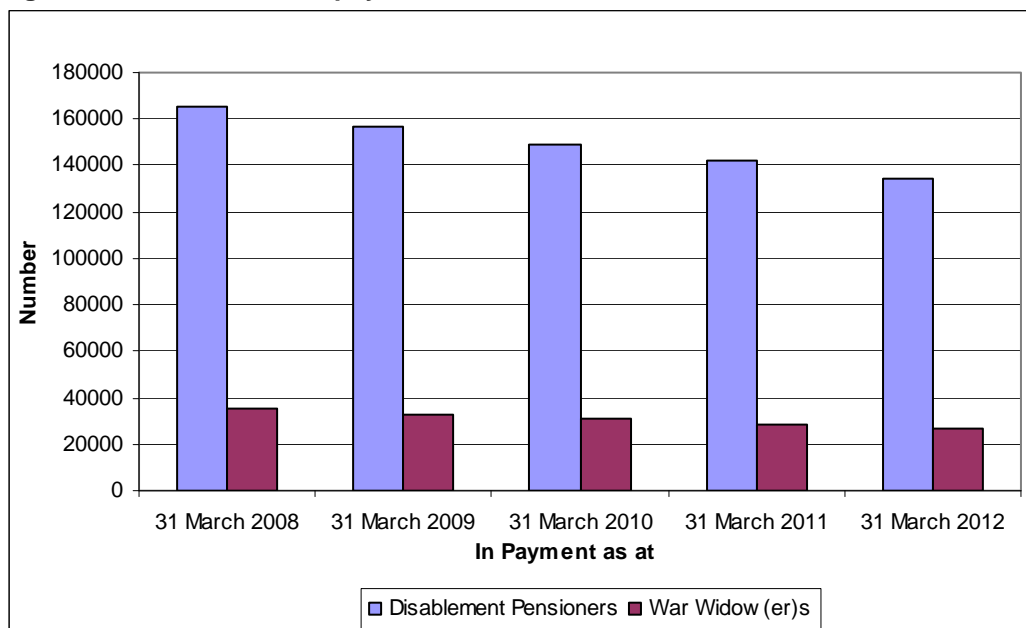
	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-11	30-Jun-11	30-Sep-11	31-Dec-11	31-Mar-12
ALL IN PAYMENT	170,910	168,635	166,435	164,165	161,535
Disablement Pensioners	141,715	139,915	138,155	136,425	134,430
in receipt of an ongoing war pension					
1914 war	0	0	0	0	0
Inter-war	25	20	20	20	20
1939 war onwards	139,450	137,735	136,035	134,370	132,450
Civilian	1,275	1,250	1,225	1,190	1,165
Polish	440	410	395	380	360
Mercantile marine	525	500	480	460	435
Not known	0	~	0	0	~
War Widow(er)s	28,425	27,955	27,530	27,000	26,375
War widows pension	28,350	27,880	27,450	26,920	26,295
War widowers pension	75	80	80	80	80
Other Pensioners	770	765	745	740	730
Disablement pensioners (ALSO allowance only)	380	380	380	375	370
War orphans pension	25	25	25	25	25
War parents pension	20	20	20	20	15
Adult dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Unmarried dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Child allowance only	340	340	320	320	315

10. **Table 1.2** provides a breakdown for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year. **Table 1.2** shows that of the 161,535 individuals in receipt of war pensions as at 31 March 2012, 80% (n=128,720) were males and 20% (n=32,820) were females. As at 31 March 2012, 95% of Disablement Pensioners were males (n=128,130), and less than one percent of individuals in receipt of War Widow(er)s pensions were males (n=80).
11. **Table 1.2** and **Figure 1** show that the number of Disablement Pensioners receiving a payment has fallen each year over the past five years, from 165,165 as at 31 March 2008, to 134,430 as at 31 March 2012, an overall decrease of 19%. Over the same period the number of War Widow(er)s fell 25%, from 35,235 to 26,375.
12. This decline is primarily due to the fact that the number of individuals leaving the scheme each year is considerably higher than the number of individuals joining the scheme. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, the age profile of current recipients; 53% of DPs and 85% of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2012 (see **Table 1.6** for age group breakdown). Secondly, compensation claims for injury, illness, or death caused by Service on or after the 6 April 2005 are now processed under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). As such, the number of claimants joining the WPS is expected to reduce further.

Table 1.2: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year end, 31 March 2008 to 31 March 2012, numbers

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12
ALL IN PAYMENT	201,265	190,745	180,400	170,910	161,535
Men	158,455	150,655	142,770	135,740	128,720
Women	42,810	40,090	37,630	35,175	32,820
Disablement Pensioners	165,165	157,125	148,945	141,715	134,430
Men	157,780	150,005	142,135	135,120	128,130
Women	7,385	7,120	6,810	6,595	6,305
War Widow(er)s	35,235	32,790	30,655	28,425	26,375
Men	70	70	75	75	80
Women	35,165	32,715	30,580	28,350	26,295
Other Pensioners	865	830	795	770	730
Men	605	580	555	540	510
Women	260	255	240	230	220

Figure 1: War Pensions in payment, 31 March 2008 to 31 March 2012, numbers



Source Data: Table 1.2

13. **Table 1.3** provides the total intake and outflow from the War Pension Scheme in the last five financial years, by pension type. This table shows that the number of new entrants to the scheme has reduced by 27% over the last five financial years, from 2,940 in 2007-08 to 2,145 in 2011-12. During each of the last five financial years the numbers leaving the scheme have been much higher than the numbers of new entrants. Overall during 2011-12 there were 2,145 new entrants to the scheme, while 11,520 individuals left the scheme.

Table 1.3: War Pensions flows by type of pension and financial year, 2007-08 to 2011-12, numbers

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
ALL IN PAYMENT	201,265	190,745	180,400	170,910	161,535
Total intake in financial year	2,940	3,410	2,795	2,640	2,145
Total outflow in financial year	14,205	13,930	13,140	12,125	11,520
Disablement Pensioners	165,165	157,125	148,945	141,715	134,430
Intake during financial year	2,170	2,590	2,070	1,975	1,525
Outflow during financial year	10,835	10,640	10,250	9,210	8,810
War Widow(er)s	35,235	32,790	30,655	28,425	26,375
Intake during financial year	755	795	715	650	605
Outflow during financial year	3,315	3,245	2,845	2,880	2,655
Other Pensioners	865	830	795	770	730
Intake during financial year	15	25	10	10	10
Outflow during financial year	55	45	45	35	50

14. **Table 1.4** provides the number of disablement pensions in payment as at 31 March 2012 for each degree of disablement and scheme type.
15. **Table 1.4** shows that approximately five out of six (86%, n=115,200) disablement pensioners received a pension at the 50% degree of disablement or below. 3% (n=4,115) received a pension at 100% degree of disablement. 99% (n=132,450) of disablement pensions were in payment under the scheme type of '1939 War onwards'.
16. **Figure 2** shows that the proportion of DPs at each degree of disablement has remained constant between March 2008 and March 2012.

Table 1.4: Disablement Pensions in payment by degree of disablement as at 31 March 2012, numbers

Degree of disablement (Percentage)								
Men and Women	TOTAL	1914 War	Inter War	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not Known
ALL	134,430	0	20	132,450	1,165	360	435	~
20	53,670	0	~	53,155	265	105	135	~
30	32,225	0	5	31,760	255	85	120	0
40	18,985	0	~	18,635	210	60	75	0
50	10,320	0	0	10,140	115	30	35	~
60	6,490	0	0	6,380	65	25	20	0
70	3,875	0	~	3,780	60	15	20	0
80	3,125	0	~	3,055	45	15	10	0
90	1,045	0	~	1,010	20	5	5	0
100	4,115	0	~	3,965	120	15	15	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	580	0	0	565	10	~	~	0

Men

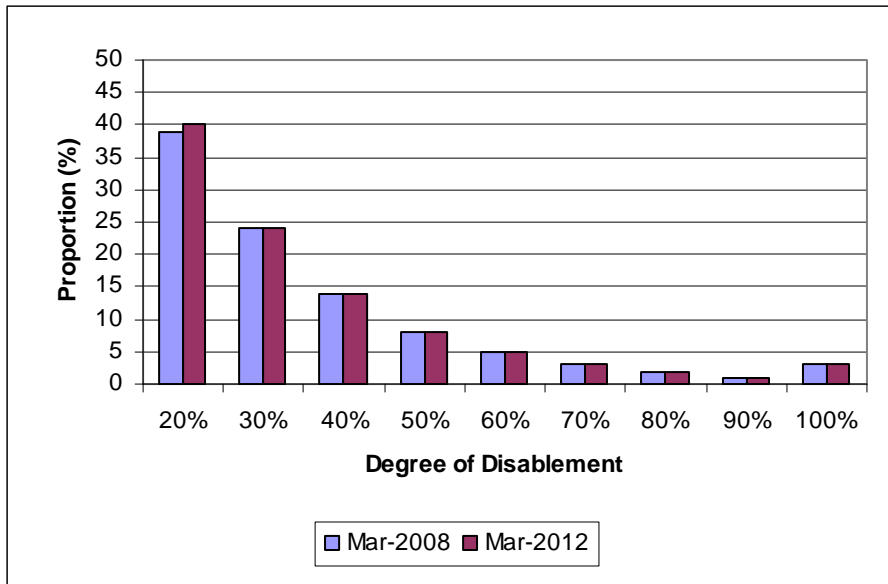
ALL	128,130	0	20	126,875	450	345	435	~
20	51,255	0	~	50,915	100	95	135	~
30	30,775	0	5	30,475	90	85	120	0
40	18,090	0	~	17,865	90	55	75	0
50	9,865	0	0	9,760	40	30	35	~
60	6,185	0	0	6,120	25	20	20	0
70	3,670	0	~	3,610	25	15	20	0
80	2,950	0	~	2,905	20	15	10	0
90	995	0	~	975	5	5	5	0
100	3,870	0	~	3,785	50	15	15	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	470	0	0	465	0	~	~	0

Women

ALL	6,305	0	0	5,575	715	15	0	0
20	2,415	0	0	2,240	170	5	0	0
30	1,450	0	0	1,285	160	~	0	0
40	890	0	0	770	115	~	0	0
50	455	0	0	380	75	0	0	0
60	305	0	0	265	40	~	0	0
70	205	0	0	170	35	0	0	0
80	175	0	0	150	25	0	0	0
90	50	0	0	35	15	0	0	0
100	250	0	0	180	70	0	0	0
Not Known ⁽¹⁾	110	0	0	100	10	~	0	0

Note: (1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases.

Figure 2: Disablement pensioners at each degree of disablement as at 31 March 2008 and 31 March 2012, percentages



Source Data: Table 1.4

17. **Table 1.5** provides the number of pensions in payment as at 31 March 2012 broken down by Government Office Region, pension and scheme type. This table shows that the highest numbers of pensions were in payment to individuals with a contact address in the South West (n=21,630) and the South East (N=21,210).

Table 1.5: Pensioners by type of pension, principal scheme (DPs) and Government Office Region (GOR) as at 31 March 2012, numbers

GOR	Disablement Pensioners										Other Pensioners ⁽²⁾
	All Pensioners	All DPs	1914 War	Inter-war	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not known	War Widow(er)s	
ALL	161,535	134,430	0	20	132,450	1,165	360	435	~	26,375	730
North East	10,480	9,390	0	0	9,300	45	5	40	0	1,040	55
North West	17,815	15,165	0	0	14,880	155	35	95	0	2,565	80
Yorkshire and the Humber	11,675	9,690	0	~	9,605	40	20	20	0	1,915	70
East Midlands	10,440	8,755	0	0	8,680	35	25	10	0	1,650	40
West Midlands	9,405	7,665	0	0	7,575	55	25	10	0	1,700	40
East of England	11,130	8,780	0	~	8,635	115	15	10	0	2,315	35
London	5,545	4,145	0	~	3,920	170	50	5	0	1,375	25
South East	21,210	16,835	0	5	16,550	230	20	35	0	4,285	85
South West	21,630	18,090	0	~	17,905	140	25	25	~	3,430	105
Wales	9,095	7,680	0	~	7,600	35	10	30	0	1,375	45
Scotland	15,395	13,325	0	0	13,205	50	20	45	0	2,000	70
N. Ireland	4,385	3,725	0	0	3,715	5	0	~	~	640	20
Other UK ⁽¹⁾	460	380	0	0	375	~	0	~	0	75	~
UK Unknown	555	435	0	0	425	10	~	~	0	115	~
Overseas	12,145	10,200	0	~	9,925	70	105	100	0	1,890	55
Not Known	170	160	0	0	155	~	~	0	0	10	~

Note: (1) 'Other UK' includes Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes war orphans, war parents, adult dependant, unmarried dependants, juvenile dependant, child allowance only, and allowance for lowered standard of occupation only pensioners.

18. **Table 1.6** provides the number of War Pensions in payment as at 31 March 2012 by age group, pension type and disablement percentage. This table shows that 53% (n=71,210) of DPs and 85% (n=22,525) of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2012.

Table 1.6: War Pensions in payment by pension type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2012, numbers

AGE GROUP	All Pensioners	Disablement Pensioners										Not Known ⁽¹⁾	War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners ⁽²⁾
		All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%			
ALL	161,535	134,430	53,670	32,225	18,985	10,320	6,490	3,875	3,125	1,045	4,115	580	26,375	730
Under 30	750	645	335	160	60	30	20	5	5	~	10	15	10	95
30 to 34	1,730	1,695	835	390	210	90	65	30	20	~	25	30	30	~
35 to 39	4,000	3,870	1,835	955	505	230	135	75	50	5	50	35	100	30
40 to 44	8,485	8,235	3,590	2,025	1,165	560	360	165	125	30	155	55	200	55
45 to 49	9,790	9,430	3,970	2,300	1,325	660	415	225	165	45	250	70	300	60
50 to 54	10,750	10,245	4,110	2,440	1,480	820	500	290	205	75	295	30	440	70
55 to 59	9,360	8,705	3,245	2,105	1,335	705	475	265	215	40	295	30	575	80
60 to 64	10,565	9,645	3,715	2,295	1,395	770	495	315	240	85	315	25	845	80
65 to 69	12,200	10,750	4,400	2,445	1,450	835	545	340	260	90	360	25	1,355	95
70 to 74	15,015	13,035	5,695	2,985	1,695	920	560	345	315	90	395	35	1,900	80
75 to 79	18,475	15,630	6,775	3,945	2,005	1,035	600	395	320	105	410	40	2,800	45
80 to 84	16,970	12,740	5,325	3,065	1,760	935	575	315	290	85	355	35	4,215	15
85 to 89	23,395	17,200	5,995	4,115	2,605	1,495	955	615	485	190	660	85	6,175	20
90 to 94	16,775	11,075	3,375	2,660	1,750	1,095	690	420	375	170	485	60	5,685	10
95 +	3,275	1,525	470	335	235	145	105	70	55	20	65	15	1,750	5

Notes: (1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases.

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependant, Unmarried Dependant, Juvenile Dependant, Child Allowance only and Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation only Pensioners.

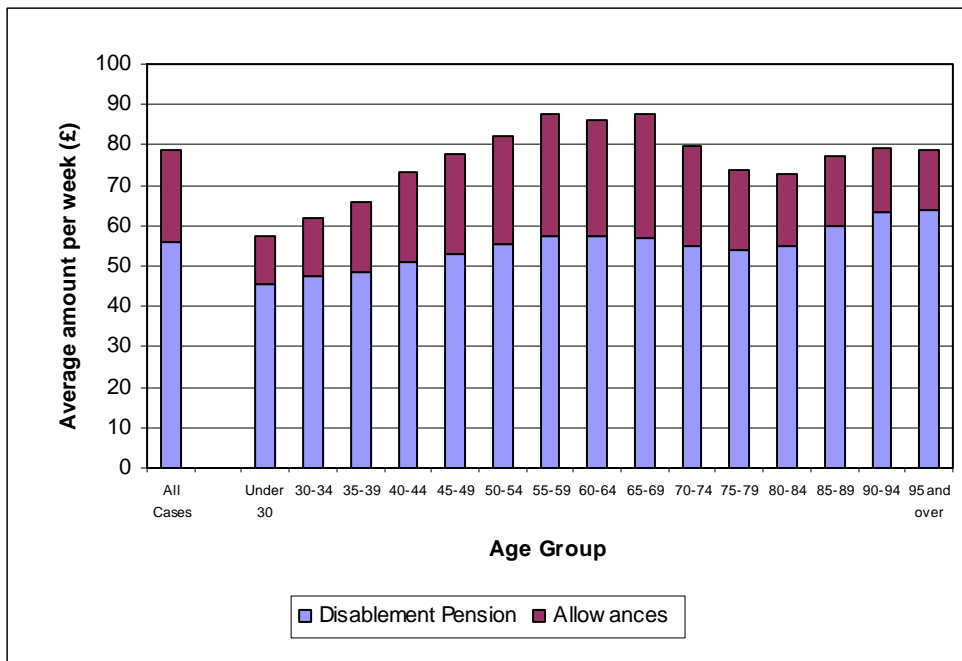
19. **Table 1.7** provides the average weekly amounts received by DPs and WWs in War Pensions and allowances, broken down by age group and degree of disablement.
20. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by DPs as at 31 March 2012 was £78.57. Of this, £56.07 was from their disablement pension, whilst £22.50 came from supplementary allowances. The average weekly amount received by a DP at the 100% disablement rate was £339.30. DPs aged 95 and over received the highest weekly pension of £64.02, whilst DPs aged 65-69 received the highest weekly supplementary allowance of £30.95.
21. **Figure 3** shows that disablement pensions increased with each age group and then leveled off between the age groups 55-59 and 65-69. At age group 70-74 there was a drop in weekly pensions before they began to increase again at 80-84. Similarly, supplementary allowances increased with each age group until the age group 55-59, they then began to decrease at age group 70-74 onwards.
22. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by WWs as at 31 March 2012 was £223.54. Of this, £120.10 was from their pension, whilst £103.44 came from supplementary allowances. WWs aged 95 and over received the highest average weekly pension amount of £121.25, and WWs aged 90-94 received the highest average weekly supplementary allowances amount of £119.86.
23. **Figure 4** shows that WWs pensions increased with each age group and leveled off at age group 50-54 to 95 and over. From the age group 35-39, WW average weekly supplementary allowances decrease up until the age group 50-54, before they increase at age group 55-59 to 95 and over.

Table 1.7: Average weekly amounts of pension entitlement by type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2012, currency (£)

(All figures are in £s)

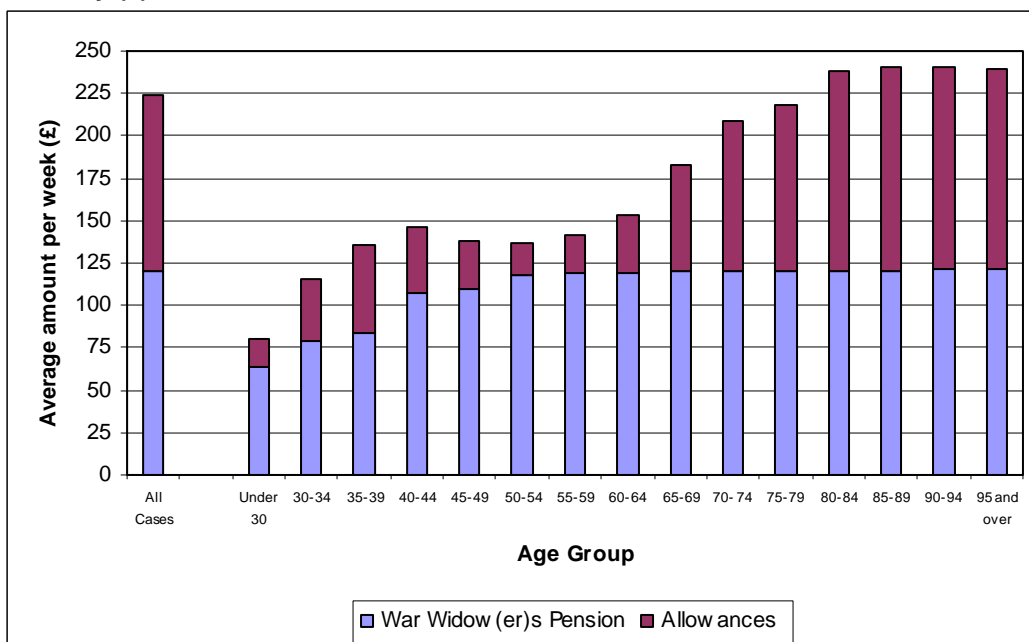
AGE GROUP	Disablement Pension										War Widow(er)s
	All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	
PENSION & ALLOWANCES											
All Cases	78.57	33.20	51.54	90.36	117.53	158.34	185.52	234.70	257.03	339.30	223.54
Under 30	57.33	31.69	47.11	84.46	107.52	164.56	153.83	248.02	237.78	382.50	80.57
30 to 34	61.76	31.88	47.24	88.53	110.57	165.76	176.38	217.33	142.17	375.48	115.39
35 to 39	65.97	32.40	48.74	95.69	123.81	166.26	220.97	252.44	389.36	341.14	135.28
40 to 44	73.40	32.83	50.00	95.64	123.62	181.19	209.11	261.26	315.82	378.68	146.49
45 to 49	77.50	33.32	51.37	93.00	126.59	175.87	210.12	277.40	292.33	354.44	138.06
50 to 54	82.20	33.95	53.07	93.77	129.25	174.60	200.83	253.52	282.95	358.87	136.85
55 to 59	87.78	34.69	53.77	96.52	130.65	177.42	213.26	262.62	294.28	361.83	140.95
60 to 64	86.05	34.13	54.05	92.01	125.30	178.30	206.06	258.80	281.71	361.70	153.21
65 to 69	87.68	33.52	53.44	99.21	132.56	180.67	213.43	276.73	305.63	384.61	182.65
70 to 74	79.50	33.57	53.07	94.33	120.88	169.13	199.45	255.09	286.07	360.93	208.27
75 to 79	73.86	32.93	51.97	91.29	116.77	156.74	185.74	243.95	261.24	356.64	218.57
80 to 84	73.01	32.76	51.29	88.37	112.53	144.54	169.78	216.69	249.91	322.23	237.70
85 to 89	77.36	32.41	49.41	81.27	102.81	131.06	152.22	199.30	226.18	306.57	240.11
90 to 94	79.28	32.59	49.22	79.70	99.19	124.78	147.37	178.96	202.65	278.66	240.90
95 +	78.61	32.70	48.94	78.45	97.99	118.29	143.82	174.38	198.60	259.99	239.60
PENSION ONLY											
All Cases	56.07	31.83	47.70	63.32	79.09	94.92	111.00	126.96	142.80	157.58	120.10
Under 30	45.46	31.68	47.06	56.80	74.68	90.80	100.58	127.60	143.55	147.24	63.46
30 to 34	47.44	31.58	47.22	60.65	74.05	90.04	103.43	117.19	110.15	146.85	78.43
35 to 39	48.38	31.53	47.25	61.38	76.07	90.96	107.55	123.12	143.55	142.42	83.33
40 to 44	51.19	31.64	47.29	61.73	76.73	92.17	108.01	124.01	135.95	152.78	107.09
45 to 49	53.20	31.76	47.42	62.52	77.73	93.59	109.56	125.92	141.14	150.76	110.08
50 to 54	55.39	31.85	47.60	63.08	78.35	94.07	111.09	125.17	139.12	153.62	117.92
55 to 59	57.32	31.78	47.71	63.34	79.18	94.70	111.07	127.08	143.23	156.95	118.82
60 to 64	57.36	31.87	47.76	63.54	79.28	95.51	111.16	127.38	143.51	157.31	119.35
65 to 69	56.73	31.88	47.78	63.66	79.59	95.21	111.21	127.34	143.48	159.11	119.99
70 to 74	54.92	31.88	47.81	63.74	79.64	95.67	111.36	127.51	143.52	159.41	119.74
75 to 79	53.72	31.87	47.82	63.74	79.71	95.60	111.54	127.46	143.54	159.29	120.07
80 to 84	55.02	31.87	47.82	63.77	79.72	95.67	111.53	127.57	143.55	159.46	120.54
85 to 89	60.05	31.88	47.82	63.78	79.72	95.67	111.63	127.59	143.53	159.49	120.80
90 to 94	63.17	31.88	47.83	63.78	79.73	95.66	111.61	127.56	143.55	159.49	121.04
95 +	64.02	31.89	47.85	63.79	79.74	95.70	111.62	127.60	143.55	159.50	121.25
ALLOWANCES ONLY (including Widows special allowance)											
All Cases	22.50	1.37	3.84	27.03	38.44	63.42	74.47	107.74	114.24	181.72	103.44
Under 30	11.87	0.01	0.05	27.67	32.84	73.76	53.25	120.42	94.23	235.26	17.10
30 to 34	14.31	0.30	0.02	27.88	36.52	75.73	72.95	100.14	32.03	228.63	36.96
35 to 39	17.59	0.88	1.50	34.31	47.74	75.30	113.42	129.32	245.81	198.72	51.94
40 to 44	22.22	1.19	2.71	33.91	46.89	89.02	101.10	137.24	179.87	225.90	39.40
45 to 49	24.28	1.56	3.94	30.48	48.87	82.28	99.71	151.48	151.19	203.68	27.98
50 to 54	26.81	2.10	5.46	30.70	50.90	80.52	89.74	128.35	143.83	205.25	18.93
55 to 59	30.46	2.90	6.06	33.18	51.47	82.71	102.18	135.55	151.05	204.88	22.13
60 to 64	28.69	2.26	6.29	28.47	46.02	82.80	94.89	131.41	138.20	204.39	33.86
65 to 69	30.95	1.64	5.66	35.55	52.97	85.45	102.22	149.39	162.16	225.49	62.66
70 to 74	24.59	1.69	5.26	30.60	41.24	73.46	88.08	127.59	142.55	201.52	88.53
75 to 79	20.13	1.06	4.15	27.55	37.06	61.14	74.21	116.50	117.70	197.35	98.50
80 to 84	17.99	0.90	3.47	24.60	32.81	48.87	58.26	89.12	106.36	162.78	117.17
85 to 89	17.31	0.53	1.59	17.49	23.09	35.39	40.59	71.71	82.65	147.08	119.32
90 to 94	16.10	0.71	1.40	15.92	19.46	29.11	35.76	51.40	59.10	119.16	119.86
95 +	14.59	0.80	1.09	14.65	18.25	22.59	32.20	46.78	55.05	100.49	118.34

Figure 3: Disablement pensioners' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2012, by age group, currency (£)



Source Data: Table 1.7

Figure 4: War Widow(er)s' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2012 by age group, currency (£)



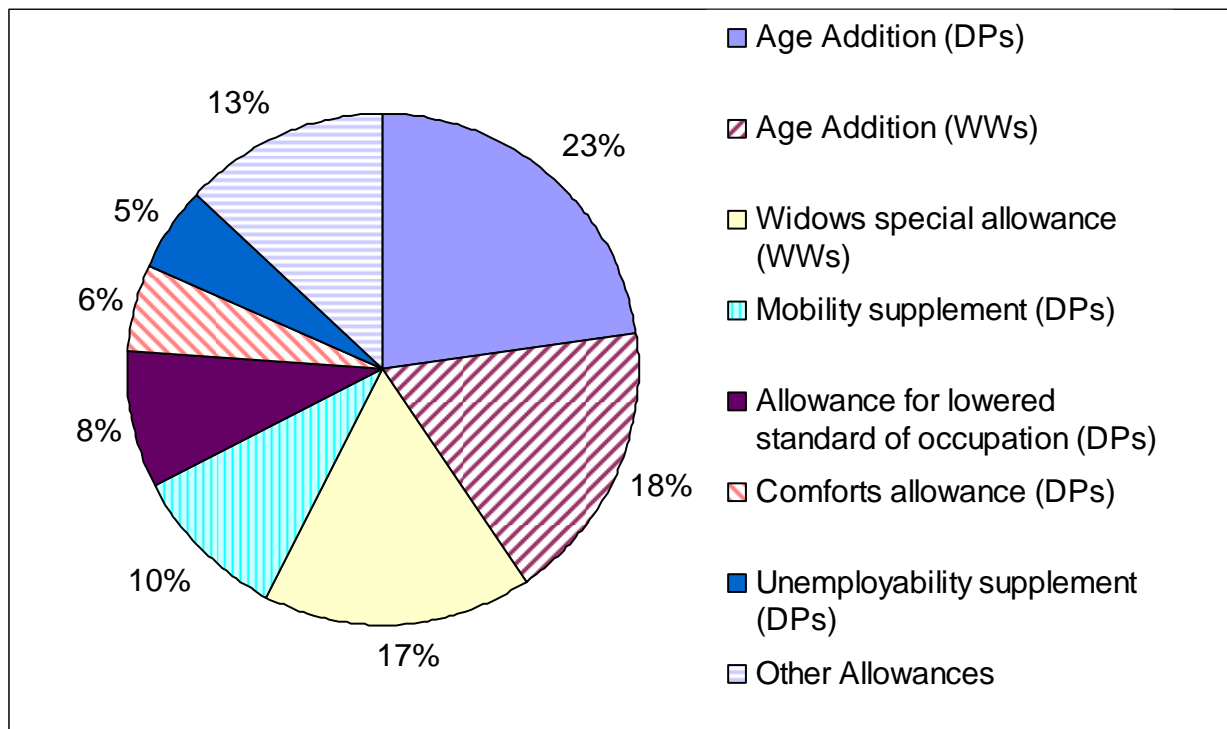
Source Data: Table 1.7

24. **Table 1.8** provides the number of supplementary allowances in payment over the last five quarters, broken down by allowance type and quarter. This table shows that as at 31 March 2012 a total of 131,870 supplementary allowances were in payment.
25. **Figure 5** shows that the most common supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2012 were DPs and WWs Age Additions, accounting for 41% (n=53,395) of all allowances in payment. The next most common allowance was Widow(er)s' Special Allowance, accounting for 17% (n=22,305) of all allowances in payment. This is a supplementary pension payable to Widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the Services before 31 March 1973, as they would not benefit from the improvements made to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme after that date.

Table 1.8: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of allowance and quarter, 31 March 2011 to 31 March 2012, numbers

Allowance type	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-11	30-Jun-11	30-Sep-11	31-Dec-11	31-Mar-12
ALL ALLOWANCES	140,645	138,680	136,600	134,635	131,870
Age 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	1,160	1,125	1,095	1,055	1,000
Age addition - Disablement	32,395	31,775	31,210	30,650	29,935
Age addition – Widows	25,305	24,890	24,510	24,050	23,465
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	11,330	11,295	11,255	11,215	11,150
Clothing allowance	3,340	3,290	3,245	3,190	3,115
Comforts allowance	8,020	7,945	7,860	7,785	7,645
Constant attendance allowance	2,665	2,625	2,585	2,545	2,480
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	580	570	570	565	550
Severe disablement occupational allowance	5	5	5	~	~
Invalidity allowance	6,230	6,195	6,160	6,115	6,035
Mobility supplement	13,865	13,735	13,635	13,530	13,350
Unemployability supplement	7,200	7,140	7,080	7,025	6,910
Modified unemployability supplement	30	30	30	35	35
Additional allowance spouse	1,345	1,320	1,290	1,270	1,230
Modified allowance for spouse	150	150	145	145	135
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	~	~	~
Additional allowance child	1,195	1,230	1,080	1,135	1,165
Child allowance	700	715	630	655	665
Over age infirm child allowance	265	265	260	255	250
Modified over age infirm child allowance	10	10	10	10	10
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	155	150	145	125	135
Widow(er)s rent allowance	315	320	325	325	310
Widow(er)s special allowance	24,370	23,910	23,470	22,950	22,305

Figure 5: All supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2012, percentages



Source Data: Table 1.8

26. **Table 1.8a** provides the overall number of supplementary allowances in payment at the end of each of the last five financial years. The average weekly amount paid in allowances to DPs and WWs at the end of each of these years is also provided.

Table 1.8a: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of pension, 31 March 2008 to 31 March 2012, numbers and average weekly amount (£)

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-08	31-Mar-09	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12
ALL ALLOWANCES	169,470	158,815	149,470	140,645	131,870
Average Weekly Allowances Entitlement (in £s)					
Disablement Pensioners	18.93	19.86	20.31	21.66	22.50
War Widow(er)s	92.90	97.04	100.95	101.34	103.44

Section 2: Number of claims, awards and appeals

27. **Table 2.1** provides the number of claims registered under the War Pension Scheme during the last five quarters, broken down by claim type and quarter. During Q1-2012 a total of 6,980 claims were registered of which 49% (n=3,390) were disablement claims. **Table 2.1a** provides a more detailed breakdown for each type of claim.

Table 2.1: Claims registered during quarter, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
All Claims	6,835	6,095	6,300	5,125	6,980
Disablement claims	2,995	2,965	3,020	2,470	3,390
War Widow(er)s claims	365	270	300	240	320
Supplementary allowance claims	1,125	1,050	1,005	845	1,240
Supplementary allowance reviews	990	570	750	575	785
Medical expenses	835	785	735	630	745
Appeals	525	455	490	365	505

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
Disablement claims	2,995	2,965	3,020	2,470	3,390
Current invaliding	95	100	135	135	250
First claim to pension	1,230	1,145	1,180	1,020	1,435
Further condition	695	695	720	530	710
Deterioration	795	850	810	660	870
Departmental review	25	20	20	10	10
Conditional list review	155	155	155	115	110
War Widow(er)s claims	365	270	300	240	320
Widow(er)s	345	255	285	225	310
Restored Widow(er)s	15	15	20	15	10
Review Widow(er)s	0	~	~	0	0
Supplementary allowance claims	1,125	1,050	1,005	845	1,240
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	135	135	120	75	140
Clothing allowance	35	45	35	20	45
Constant attendance allowance	80	55	70	60	85
Mobility supplement	195	230	205	175	255
Unemployability supplement	65	80	60	50	90
Additional allowance spouse	15	30	25	20	25
Additional allowance dependant	0	~	~	~	0
Additional allowance child	25	20	25	25	25
Child allowance only	5	~	5	~	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	50	30	45	60	85
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	100	80	90	60	110
Funeral expenses	420	350	325	300	380
Supplementary allowance reviews⁽¹⁾	990	570	750	575	785
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	330	260	360	325	390
Constant attendance allowance	25	35	30	15	15
Mobility supplement	20	20	25	20	30
Unemployability supplement	150	110	110	105	120
Additional allowance spouse	220	40	50	45	190
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	0	0	~
Child allowance ⁽²⁾	240	105	175	65	35
Appeals	525	455	490	365	505
Entitlement - Disablement	160	130	135	95	140
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	20	25	20	20	20
Assessment	270	245	255	205	280
Supplementary Allowances	65	50	60	40	55
Miscellaneous	10	10	15	5	10

Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers (Continued)

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
Medical expenses⁽³⁾	835	785	735	630	745
Appliance	~	5	~	5	10
Chiropody	~	~	~	~	~
Convalescence	15	15	15	10	20
Dental	20	15	15	15	20
Hearing aid	10	5	5	10	10
Home nursing equipment	~	10	10	~	5
Hospital travel expenses	60	55	50	50	65
House adaptation grant	30	25	20	25	15
Prescription	10	15	10	15	20
Priority treatment	85	115	80	60	75
Private treatment	10	20	15	5	10
Provision of treatment	315	280	285	225	305
Remedial treatment	205	175	175	165	145
Skilled nursing care	~	~	0	0	0
Spectacles	30	15	25	15	15
Treatment allowance (inc. loss of earnings)	35	30	30	20	25

Notes: (1) Reviews of allowances which involve rates of pay are traditionally held in the first quarter of the year.

(2) Contains widow(er)s' child allowance and child allowance only reviews.

(3) Excludes NI and Eire.

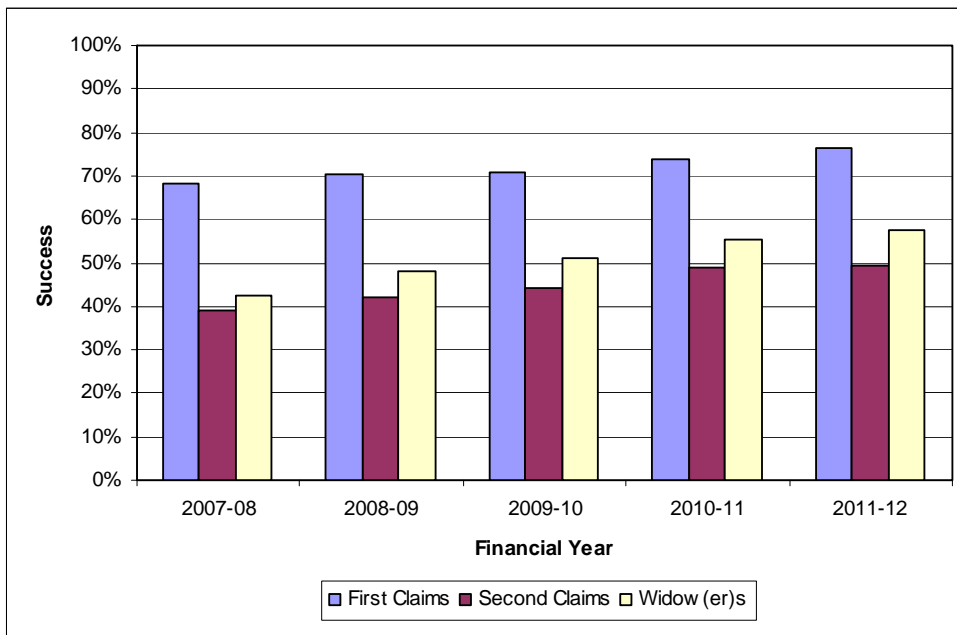
28. **Table 2.2** provides information on the outcomes of claims cleared during each of the last five financial years. Percentages are also provided for each claim outcome in **Figure 6**.
29. **Table 2.2** shows that in the financial year 2011-12, 77% (n=3,130) of first claims resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity, 50% (n=2,345) of second claims resulted in an increased entitlement or new award, and 57% (n=585) of war widow(er)s' claims resulted in an ongoing widow(er)s' pension. **Figure 6** shows that the success rates of first and second claims, and also war widow(er)s claims have increased over the last five financial years.

Table 2.2: Claim outcomes by financial year, 2007-08 to 2011-12, numbers and percentages

Claim Type	Financial Year:									
	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
All First Claims	5,750		7,125		5,800		4,825		4,090	
Awarded 20–100%	1,370	24%	1,605	23%	1,200	21%	1,130	23%	905	22%
Awarded 1-19%	2,555	44%	3,410	48%	2,915	50%	2,425	50%	2,225	54%
Awarded 0%	1,185	21%	1,235	17%	1,010	17%	730	15%	575	14%
Rejections	645	11%	875	12%	680	12%	535	11%	380	9%
All Second/Subsequent Claims	7,365		8,560		7,165		5,720		4,730	
Awarded 20–100%	40	<1%	70	<1%	55	<1%	30	<1%	35	<1%
Awarded 1-19%	30	<1%	65	<1%	50	<1%	50	<1%	30	<1%
Awarded 0%	45	<1%	35	<1%	30	<1%	35	<1%	15	<1%
Increased assessments	2,795	38%	3,470	41%	3,060	43%	2,715	47%	2,275	48%
Maintained assessments	3,830	52%	4,415	52%	3,570	50%	2,550	45%	2,065	44%
Reduced assessments	215	3%	110	1%	60	1%	40	1%	40	1%
Rejections	400	5%	395	5%	340	5%	300	5%	260	6%
All Widow(er)s Claims⁽¹⁾	1,560		1,595		1,285		1,120		1,015	
Awards	665	43%	770	48%	655	51%	620	55%	585	57%
Rejections	895	57%	830	52%	630	49%	500	45%	430	43%

Notes : (1) Includes restored Widows; Since 2005/06 figures do not include Widow(er)s' reviews.

Figure 6: Successful first claims, second claims, and widow(er)s claims by financial year, 2007-08 to 2011-12, percentages



Source Data: Table 2.2

30. **Table 2.2a** provides the numbers of claims cleared during the last five quarters by claim type and outcome. This table shows that the largest category of claims cleared during Q1-2012 were first claims to pension, with a total of 1,030 claims cleared during this latest quarter. 77% of these claims (n=790) resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity.

Table 2.2a: Claim outcomes by quarter, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers

Claim type		Claims cleared during:				
		Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
First claims						
Current Invaliding	All	100	90	100	80	155
	Awarded 20-100%	55	45	40	45	75
	Awarded 1-19%	30	30	40	20	45
	Awarded 0%	~	~	~	~	10
	Rejected	15	10	20	15	20
First Claim to Pension	All	1,220	920	870	840	1,030
	Awarded 20-100%	285	185	125	175	220
	Awarded 1-19%	640	530	510	480	570
	Awarded 0%	190	135	165	125	135
	Rejected	105	75	70	65	110
Second/Subsequent claims						
Further Condition	All	635	490	490	525	590
	Awarded 20-100%	~	10	~	~	5
	Awarded 1-19%	10	5	10	10	5
	Awarded 0%	5	~	5	~	5
	Increased	330	265	250	270	315
	Maintained	210	150	165	165	190
	Reduced	~	~	~	~	10
Rejected	70	55	60	70	60	
Conditional List Review	All	120	110	115	125	115
	Awarded 20-100%	0	~	0	0	~
	Awarded 1-19%	~	0	0	0	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	15	20	20	20	20
	Maintained	100	80	90	100	95
	Reduced	~	5	~	~	~
Rejected	0	0	~	~	0	
Deterioration Claim	All	580	465	470	605	575
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	~	~	~
	Awarded 1-19%	0	0	0	~	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	315	225	220	345	300
	Maintained	260	235	240	255	270
	Reduced	~	~	~	~	~
Rejected	~	~	~	0	~	
Departmental Review	All	20	15	20	10	15
	Awarded 20-100%	0	0	0	~	~
	Awarded 1-19%	~	0	0	0	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	~	0	0
	Increased	10	5	5	~	~
	Maintained	5	5	5	~	5
	Reduced	~	0	~	0	~
Rejected	~	~	5	~	0	
Widow(er)s Claims⁽¹⁾						
	All	305	260	305	235	220
	Awards	180	140	170	125	145
	Rejections	130	120	135	110	70

Note: (1) Figures include restored Widows; Figures do not include widow(er)s' reviews.

31. **Table 2.3** provides the numbers of successful nil and gratuity awards during each of the last five financial years. A nil award (0% degree of disablement) will be given where the medical condition has been accepted as being due to Service but has not led to any degree of disablement. A gratuity award is a single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%. This table shows that during the last financial year 2011-12 a total of 2,865 nil and gratuity awards were made.

Table 2.3: Successful gratuity & nil percentage awards cleared during financial year, 2007-08 to 2011-12, numbers

	Financial Year:				
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
All Nil and Gratuity Awards	3,840	4,765	4,015	3,260	2,865
Nil awards	1,255	1,290	1,050	780	605
Gratuity awards					
1 - 5%	960	1,205	1,120	895	790
6 - 14%	1,365	1,935	1,610	1,340	1,250
15 - 19%	265	335	235	245	220

32. **Table 2.4** provides the numbers of claims for supplementary allowances that were cleared during the latest five quarters by allowance type and outcome. During Q1-2012 most cleared claims for supplementary allowances were for funeral expenses (n=275) and mobility supplement (n=175). For each of these allowance types respectively, 60% (n=165) and 57% (n=100) of claims had a successful outcome.

Table 2.4: First claims to supplementary allowances cleared during quarter, by allowance type and outcome, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers⁽¹⁾

Allowance type		First awards made during:				
		Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	All	120	110	120	95	80
	Awarded	75	55	85	55	45
	Rejected	45	55	40	40	35
Clothing allowance	All	25	25	40	20	30
	Awarded	10	15	20	5	15
	Rejected	10	15	20	15	15
Constant attendance allowance	All	65	65	55	60	55
	Awarded	35	30	30	25	35
	Rejected	30	35	25	30	25
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	All	5	~	15	10	5
	Awarded	5	~	15	10	5
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Severe disablement occupational allowance	All	0	0	0	0	0
	Awarded	0	0	0	0	0
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility supplement	All	185	160	215	175	175
	Awarded	110	85	135	115	100
	Rejected	75	75	85	60	75
Unemployability supplement	All	35	55	60	50	45
	Awarded	30	45	35	35	30
	Rejected	10	10	20	15	15
Additional allowance spouse	All	15	25	20	20	15
	Awarded	5	10	10	10	10
	Rejected	10	15	10	5	10
Additional allowance dependant	All	0	~	~	~	~
	Awarded	0	~	~	0	~
	Rejected	0	0	~	~	0
Additional allowance child	All	20	15	10	15	15
	Awarded	20	15	10	15	10
	Rejected	~	~	~	~	~
Child allowance only	All	~	~	5	~	0
	Awarded	~	~	~	~	0
	Rejected	~	0	~	~	0
Widow(er)s child allowances	All	~	~	~	~	~
	Awarded	~	~	~	~	~
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	All	5	5	10	10	5
	Awarded	5	5	10	10	5
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	All	100	75	80	55	95
	Awarded	95	75	80	55	95
	Rejected	~	~	0	0	0
Funeral expenses	All	350	315	345	270	275
	Awarded	200	155	185	135	165
	Rejected	150	160	155	135	110

Note: (1) Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.

33. **Table 2.4a** provides the numbers of supplementary allowances that were automatically awarded under the scheme during the latest five quarters, by allowance type. Age allowances made up the majority of automatic allowances during Q1-2012 (n=410).

Table 2.4a: First claims to supplementary allowances automatically awarded during quarter, by allowance type⁽¹⁾, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers

Allowance type	First awards made during:				
	Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
Age – 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	15	10	~	0	~
Age – disablement	225	260	270	290	285
Age – Widow(er)s	105	145	135	125	125
Comforts allowance	10	5	10	5	~
Invalidity allowance	5	5	10	5	~

Note: (1) Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.

34. **Table 2.5** provides the numbers of appeals that were cleared to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal (PAT) during each of the last five quarters by type of appeal. Of the 455 appeals cleared to the PAT during Q1-2012 the majority (n=260) were assessment appeals.

Table 2.5: Appeals cleared to Pensions Appeal Tribunal for consideration during quarter, by appeal type, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers

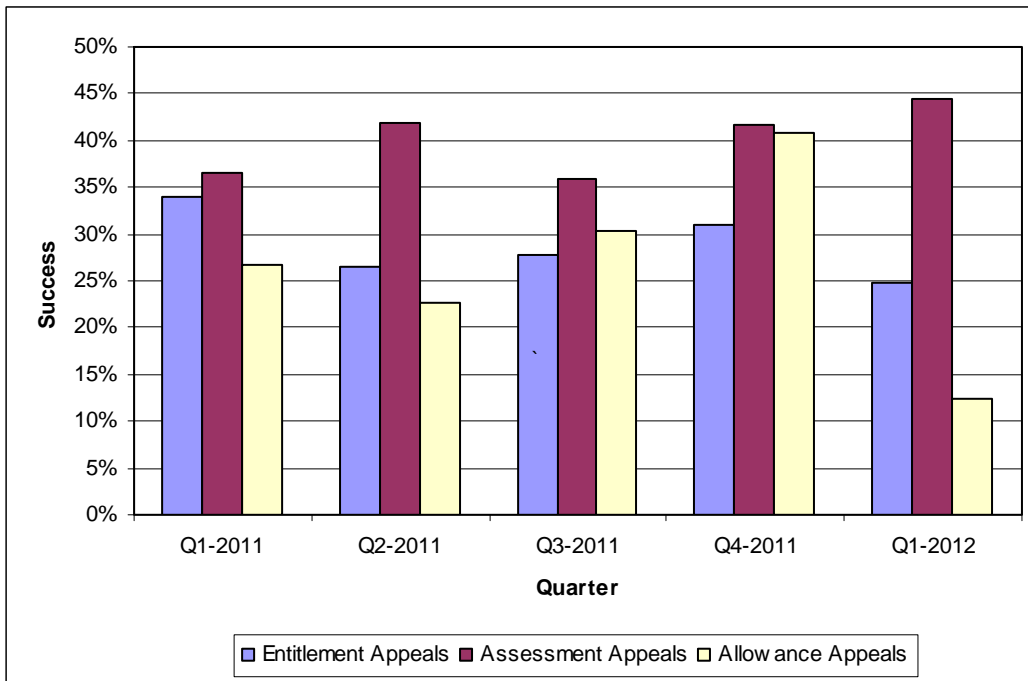
Appeals cleared	Appeals cleared during:				
	Q1-2011	Q2-2011	Q3-2011	Q4-2011	Q1-2012
All Appeals Cleared	465	410	510	405	455
Entitlement - Disablement	135	125	140	125	105
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	25	15	20	10	25
Assessment	235	220	290	210	260
Supplementary Allowances	60	40	50	50	55
Temporary Allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	10	10	15	5	10

35. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** provide information on the decisions made by the PAT for appeals cleared during the last five quarters.
36. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** show that the success of appeals has varied over the last five quarters. Between Q1-2011 and Q1-2012, the percentage of successful entitlement appeals (including WWs entitlement appeals) decreased from 34% to 25%. During the same period, the percentage of assessment appeals resulting in an increased award increased from 36% to 44%, and the number of successful allowance appeals decreased from 27% to 13%.

Table 2.6: Pensions Appeal Tribunal decisions during quarter by appeal type, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, numbers and percentages

	Decisions made during:									
	Q1-2011		Q2-2011		Q3-2011		Q4-2011		Q1-2012	
		%		%		%		%		%
Entitlement Appeals	155		130		100		95		100	
<u>Disablement</u>										
All	140		110		85		80		85	
Allowed	50	37%	35	31%	25	29%	30	35%	25	28%
Disallowed	85	63%	75	69%	60	71%	55	65%	60	72%
<u>Widow(er)s</u>										
All	20		20		15		15		20	
Allowed	~	11%	~	5%	~	19%	~	7%	~	11%
Disallowed	15	89%	20	95%	15	81%	15	93%	15	89%
<u>Overall</u>										
Allowed	55	34%	35	27%	30	28%	30	31%	25	25%
Disallowed	105	66%	95	73%	75	72%	65	69%	75	75%
Assessment Appeals	205		210		180		180		190	
Increased	75	36%	85	42%	65	36%	75	42%	85	44%
Upheld	130	63%	120	57%	115	63%	105	58%	105	54%
Reduced	~	<1%	~	<1%	~	<1%	~	<1%	~	<1%
Allowance Appeals	30		30		25		20		25	
Allowed	10	27%	5	23%	5	30%	10	41%	~	13%
Disallowed	20	73%	25	77%	15	70%	15	59%	20	88%

Figure 7: Successful entitlement appeals, assessment appeals and allowance appeals by quarter, Q1-2011 to Q1-2012, percentages



Source Data: Table 2.6

Background notes

Data sources and methods

37. The War Pension Scheme data used in the production of this report is sourced from SPVA's War Pension Computer System (WPCS). DASA receives a quarterly data extract from SPVA, as at the last day of each quarter. DASA perform basic data validation checks and process the data in a MySQL Database which is used to produce the final datasets and tables for the report. DASA Health Information check the tables and data, ensuring time series are consistent, and produce the final report.

Data quality

38. The Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency are responsible for ensuring the quality of WPCS data supplied to DASA.

39. When DASA receive the WPCS data extracts basic consistency check are carried out. For example, the numbers of records received is compared to the previous extract to ensure the total number is as expected. If any data quality issues are evident following receipt of data, DASA liaise with SPVA to determine whether any changes are required.

40. Further validation checks are carried out after the data has been processed to ensure that all processes and queries have run correctly and the final numbers are an accurate reflection of data received from SPVA. Manual checks are then carried out on the final report to ensure that figures quoted in the commentary reflect those in the tables, and that the numbers sum to the totals provided.

Revisions

41. The figures presented in this Statistical Notice are as provided to DASA in extracts from SPVA's War Pensions Computer System. These statistics are not subject to routine revision. This report updates previously published statistics with data received in the preceding four quarters. Historic data is only revised if errors are found in the classifications or statistical methods used during their publication.

Glossary of pensions and allowances

Age Allowance

This may be paid to a war disablement pensioner (man or woman) who is aged 65 or over and whose disablement is assessed at 40% or more.

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO)

This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under age 65, with a service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.

Child Allowance Only

There is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to War Widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.

Clothing Allowance (CLOT)

This may be paid if the disablement causes exceptional wear and tear on clothing.

Comforts Allowance (COMF)

This may be paid to a severely disabled pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance or Unemployability Supplement or both. It is intended to help with the extra expenses associated with severe disablement.

Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who needs regular personal attention because of their pensioned disablement and that disablement is assessed at 80% or more. It is payable at one of four rates. The rate varies according to the level of attendance they need.

Disablement Pension (DP)

This is paid at a rate which varies according to the degree of disablement. The degree of disablement is assessed on a percentage basis by the War Pension Agency medical advisors.

Elderly Widow(er)'s Age Allowance

A war widow(er) may receive an additional allowance at age 65 which is increased at age 70 and again at age 80.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, or would be receiving it if they were not in hospital.

Funeral Expenses (FE)

Funeral expenses may be paid if the pensioner died as a result of his service disablement, or died while having treatment for that disablement in hospital, or was entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance, or was at the time of his death 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement.

Invalidity Allowance (IVA)

This may be paid to a pensioner receiving Unemployability Supplement. The rate varies according to the age at which unemployability began.

Modified Over Age Infirm Allowance (MOIA)

Compensation/Allowances (including that paid to children living in the Irish Republic or Overseas) due to infirmity are taken into account when calculating an award of OAIA and adjustments are made if necessary. (See OAIA below)

Modified Unemployability Supplement (MSUP)

The basic conditions of eligibility to UNSUPP for a pensioner living abroad (including the Irish Republic and the Channel Islands) are the same as for the UK, however, if they become eligible for Retirement Pension or other benefit payable out of the public funds of that country then UNSUPP may be adjusted with that benefit, or paid at a nominal rate to allow continued payment of comforts allowance.

Orphan's Pension

This may be payable to a child who has lost both parents.

Over Age Infirm Allowance (OAIA)

Over Age Infirm Allowance for children of deceased pensioners unable to support themselves dates back to the 1914 War. The allowance can be awarded or continued beyond the normal age limits on the grounds of infirmity if the ailment is of a nature which is likely to prevent the person from earning a living either permanently or for a prolonged period and infirmity commenced before age 16. The person is still referred to as a child even though they may be quite elderly.

Rent Allowance (RENT)

A war widow(er) with a child or children may be eligible for a rent allowance.

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance (SDOA)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, but who still normally has a gainful occupation.

Temporary Allowance for Widow(er)s (TAW)

This may be paid to a widow(er), irrespective of the cause of their spouse's death, if he/she were awarded Unemployability Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance or both. The allowance is approximately equal to the disablement pension and allowances paid to their late spouse. It is paid for the first 26 weeks of widowhood.

Treatment Allowance (TA)

This is equivalent to a disablement pension paid at the 100% rate. It may be paid instead of a disablement pension to a pensioner who incurs a loss of earnings as a result of receiving treatment for their pensioned disablement.

Unemployability Supplement (UNSUPP)

This may be paid to a pensioner who is unemployable or virtually unemployable as a result of the war pensioned disablement. To gain entitlement, new claimants must be under age 65, with a pensioned disablement assessed at 60% or more when they make their claim. Additional allowances may be paid for a spouse and a child or children.

War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS)

This is intended to help with the mobility costs of a pensioner who is unable to walk, or virtually unable to walk. New claimants must have a service disablement of at least 40%. It is paid to double amputees and to those pensioners who need help getting about because they are both deaf and blind as a result of their pensioned disablement.

War Widow(er)'s Pension (WWP)

The standard rate of pension may be paid if the widow(er) has a dependant child, or is over 40, or is incapable of self-support.

The lower rate is paid to childless widow(er)s under the age of 40. If the spouse was receiving Constant Attendance Allowance, or at the time of his/her death was 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement, a War Widow(er)s Pension is awarded automatically irrespective of the cause of death.

War Widow(er)'s Special Allowance

This is a Supplementary Pension payable to "pre-1973 war widow(er)s" (the widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the services before 31st March 1973, and who did not benefit from the improvements made from that date to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme).

Glossary of terms and conventions

Adult Dependant

Adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.

Appeal

An appeal provides a person with an impartial re-examination of the decision under appeal.

Cleared

Where the work by the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (SPVA) on a specific task has been fully completed.

Conditional List Review

Conditional List Review cases arise because SPVA Medical Services have previously made an interim assessment for a limited period because the level of disablement was likely to change. A review date is calculated so that disablement can be reassessed before the given period expires.

Current Invaliding

Personnel invalided from the Forces and their case referred direct to the SPVA by Ministry of Defence for War Pensions consideration.

Eligible War Pension Claimant

A claimant is eligible for consideration under the WPS where disablement or death has occurred as a result of Service in HM Forces, prior to 6 April 2005. In addition, awards may also be made where disablement or death has occurred as a result of:

- War-time Service in the Naval Auxiliary Service, or the Mercantile Marine
- Service in the Polish Forces under British command during World War Two

Pensions, allowances or other payments may also be awarded where the disablement or death of a civilian or a member of a civil defence organisation is the direct result of an injury sustained as a result of enemy action in World War Two.

Gratuity

A single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%.

Outcome

The final decision on a claim or action.

PAT

Pensions Appeal Tribunal.

Provision of Treatment

The reimbursement of Treatment/Medical expenses for War Pensioners living abroad.

Received

When a claim, appeal or piece of correspondence has been received by the SPVA.

Registered

When the case or claim is registered on the War Pension Computer System.

Restored Widow(er)

A war widow(er) whose War Widow(er)s Pension was withdrawn on his/her remarriage and who subsequently re-claims the pension on becoming widowed again, legally separated, or divorced.

Unmarried Dependant

Partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.

War

1914 War	Disabled due to service between 4 August 1914 and 30 September 1921.
Inter War	Disabled due to service between 1 October 1921 and 2 September 1939.
1939 Onwards	Disabled due to service from 3 September 1939 to date.

War Orphan

Child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.

War Parent

Parent of the deceased service person.

Widow(er)

Spouse of ex-service person whose death was whilst in service or related to a disablement due to service from 4 August 1914 to date.

From 8 April 2002 a change in the law governing the War Pensions Scheme means that the provisions for war widowers have been equalised to align with those available to war widows. This change in the war pension law applies from the 8 April 2002 onwards and means that war widowers are now entitled, as appropriate, to the same basic pension, supplementary pension and allowances (e.g. in respect of any dependant children) as war widows. In particular, the means-testing element previously applied to war widowers' claims and pensions has been removed.