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Information request

I would like to know, please, the number of people who have voluntarily surrendered their entitlement to the Basic State Pension. By this I do not mean those who have deferred it, but specifically people who have informed the DWP that they do not wish to receive it. If you have numbers over time, e.g. the number who have done this each year in each of the last 10 years, then I would appreciate that too.

DWP response

I am afraid that we do not hold the information you requested regarding people who surrender their state pension or about people do not apply for their pension.

The Department normally invites a claim to state pension around 4 months before a person reaches State Pension age. If the person does not reply the Department takes no further action.