

ARMED FORCES PENSION SCHEME 2015 (AFPS 15) LEGISLATIVE CONSULTATION RESULTS FOR GOV.UK CONSULTATION WEB PAGE

Background

All Government Departments are required by HMT to consult on their draft scheme design and legislation. MOD previously conducted an extensive consultation in 2012 and over 25,000 service personnel participated and influenced the scheme design.

This later consultation focussed on the AFPS 15 legislation - main scheme regulations and Early Departure Payment (EDP) regulations and was conducted in two parts. Comments were invited from the Public and Experts (see Responses below); however, the opportunity to make any major changes following the consultation was very limited.

What we asked you

We asked you to consider how accurately the legislation follows the detail of the Final Scheme Agreement and fit the overall requirement to deliver on the recommendation set out by Lord Hutton's Independent Public Service Pensions Commission; to reform public service pension schemes and ensure that they are more affordable and sustainable in the long term.

When the first part of the legislative consultation opened, some parts of the regulations covering transfers, valuation and cost cap, re-employment after ill-health awards and resettlement grants were still under review. The legislation was subsequently updated to incorporate these details and the consultation re-opened for a further two week period to allow stakeholders to review and submit comments.

Responses

The consultation attracted responses from two audiences:

- Public (including Service personnel): **74 responses.**
- Experts (including Families Federations, Forces Pension Society and Central Advisory Committee for Pensions and Compensation (CAC) members): **2 responses.**

None of the responses provided grounds for a review of any of the regulations which will be laid in Parliament in the coming months.

Contact

If you have a query regarding the legislative public consultation for AFPS 15 please email dcdspers-pcv-fafpsmailbox@mod.uk.