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Information request

I am not closing this matter as you state that the DWP has never been responsible for paying increases on contracted out schemes.

Lets make it clear I am only talking about increases on GMP's and nothing else. if you are not happy with the statement that the DWP pay it lets use the word STATE pays it. I have looked at the internet and see the following examples about the State/Government being responsible for paying part or all the increases on GMP's.

1) House of Common's Library.

Guaranteed minimum Pension Increases, Standard note SN 4956 last updated 10 Feb 2012 Author Djuna Thurley.

Responsibility for indexing GMP's is split between the state and the occupational pension scheme. The Pension scheme has to provide indexation on rights accrued between 1988 and 1997, in line with prices subject to a 3% cap The State is responsible for indexing rights accrued between 1978 and 1998 and for any inflationary increases in excess of 3% in respect of rights accrued between 1988 and 1997

2) Statutory Instrument 2013 No 573 Pensions. The Guaranteed Minimum Pension Increase Order Made 8 March 2013. Coming into force 6 April 2013 2.2 per cent.

3)Cabinet Office, Important information about your pension April 2012.

This note has important information about your Civil Service Pension including things you may need tell us.

Pension Payments from April 2012.

Guaranteed Minimum Pension (GMP)

When an increase is payable the Government will pay some of the increases on your GMP and of your pension with the state pension (Pre 1988) For service to Fifth April 1988, the Government will normally pay the PI increase on your GMP with your pension. but the increases will be included with your state pension . This part does not attract increases from the Civil

Service Scheme. (Post 1981) For service after 1988 PI up to 3% will normally be paid by the scheme and thye income above 3% will be included in your State pension.

After reading the above I look forward to your comments regarding who is responsible for paying increases on GMP's where i t is not the responsibility of the scheme to pay it.

Do you still state that the DWP/State/Government has never been responsible or is still responsible for paying increases on all or part of a persons GMP's.

DWP response

DWP/theState/ the Government has never been nor is responsible for paying increases on all or part of a person's Guaranteed Minimum Pension. Please refer to our response of 16 May (VTR 2019.)