

# Freedom of Information request 1179/2013

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## Information request

*Thank you for your reply and attachment Single-Tier transition-technical note. I have now studied it and in particular –*

- *the section headed "Revaluation of 2017 amounts" Paragraphs 48 and*
- *49 which only covers the period from 2017 through to a person's state pension age.*

*I could not see any mention about increases on the flat rate pension in payment after it starts on the 6 April 2017. Can you please have a look at your information again and tell me where I i can find out more about how increases will be worked out.*

*1) On the flat rate pension after it starts in April 2017.*

*2) On the contracted out pension on and after the 6 April 2017.*

## DWP response

The Government intends to legislate for the new flat-rate pension to be increased in payment (up-rated) by at least earnings. This is exactly the same as for the current basic State Pension; the triple lock is a Government commitment and not a legislative requirement.

Final decisions on uprating will be made by the Government of the day closer to implementation, and as part of the annual uprating process. It is right that a future Government should decide based on the fiscal context at the time.

With the introduction of the new flat rate pension, the State Second Pension will close and contracting out for Defined Benefit schemes will therefore end.