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Information request

Can you please let me have copies of any correspondence you have between HM Treasury and yourselves regarding the GMP increases that are currently in effect provided through the "Additional Pension" not being paid after 5 April 2016 as the new single-tier model does not provide a facility for the GMP increases currently in effect provided through the Additional Pension.

DWP response

There was correspondence with HMT regarding the GMP increases that are currently in effect provided through the "Additional Pension" not being paid after 5 April 2016. However, we do not believe that we are required to disclose these exchanges. Section 35 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts information relating to the formulation of Government policy from disclosure. Section 42 of the same Act also exempts the correspondence, as it involved communicating confidential information between the legal advisers of the two Departments. The Act exempts legal confidential communications from disclosure on the grounds of "legal profession privilege".