

Freedom of Information request 3945/2013

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Information request

"Why do you say State does not pay any GMP increases when freedom of information request 401/2013 says increases rests with the state scheme."

DWP response

In previous responses we have said that the Department has no responsibility for paying GMP increases, however, you are correct in so far as GMP increments are concerned – where an individual has postponed receipt of his GMP, then the individual has been able, until recently, to receive an increase with their State Pension to take account of the fact that their occupational pension scheme only provides limited indexation of the GMP increment.

However, these increases, referred to as Payable Up-rated Contracted Out Deduction Increases (PUCODIs) were abolished with the Pensions Act 2011 and are now only payable to those who were in receipt of the increase before 6 April 2012. Anyone retiring after this date would not be entitled to a PUCODI.

But where the GMP itself is concerned, rather than the increment, then I should reiterate, the Government has no responsibility for paying any increase. However, as mentioned before, DWP does pay increases on the Additional State Pension (AP) and those increases are to take account of inflation, rather than in any way providing for additional increases to the member's Guaranteed Minimum Pension

For further explanations of GMP indexation please refer to our previous responses to your Freedom of Information requests that also concern the subject of GMP indexation. FOI reference and date of response listed in the table below:

VTR Number	DWP Response
1709	29 th April
1816	16 th May
2019	16 th May
2298	22 nd May
2341	22 nd May
2398	11 th June
2399	6 th June

3025	22 nd July
IR483	14 th June