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### INTRODUCTION

1. This annual National Statistics Notice provides summary statistics on claims, awards and recipients of pensions, allowances or other payments under the War Pension Scheme where disablement or death occurred as a result of Service prior to 6 April 2005.
2. The Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) came into force on 6 April 2005 to pay compensation for injury, illness or death caused by Service on or after that date. Summary statistics for the AFCS can be found in a separate biannual report at <https://www.gov.uk> under statistics, search for department 'Ministry of Defence' and contains 'compensation scheme'
3. This report provides figures for claims registered and awards made over the latest five financial years 2009/10 to 2013/14, and replaces the report published on 5 June 2014 in which some minor errors within some of the tables were identified. Revised figures are marked within an 'r' within this publication and they do not impact on the key points released in the June publication. Some tables show a snapshot of the number of pensions in payment as at 31 March 2014. Details of the time period covered by each table are presented in the List of Tables on page 3. This report updates the previous notice for War Pensions Statistics as at 31 March 2013, released on 6 June 2013.

### KEY POINTS

4. As at 31 March 2014:
  - 121,900 war disablement pensioners (DPs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 5% (n=5,690) since 31 March 2013. This is expected as there are fewer people joining the scheme as injuries and illness since 6 April 2005 will now be eligible under the AFCS.
  - 22,445 war widow(er)s (WWs) were receiving an ongoing pension. This represents a decrease of 8% (n=1,970) since 31 March 2013. (Table 1.1)
  - Approximately five out of six disablement pensioners (86%) received pensions at or below the 50% level of disablement (as part of the claim process, a doctor assesses a claimants level of disablement by comparing with an able-bodied healthy person of the same age and sex). The largest groups of claimants were awarded at the 20% disablement level (40% of DPs). 3% of disablement pensioners received pensions the 100% disablement level (those with the most severe level of disablement). (Table 1.4)
  - Over half of disablement pensioners (50%) and around five-sixths

of war widow(er)s (85%) were aged 70 and over.(Table 1.6)

- The average weekly amount received by disablement pensioners, including pension and supplementary allowances, was £84.29. The average weekly amount received by a disablement pensioner at the 100% disablement rate was £370.45 (Table 1.7)
- The average weekly amount received by war widow(er)s was £237.29. The average weekly war widow(er)s pension was £129.09, with the remainder comprising supplementary allowances.

## **CONTENTS AND RELATED PUBLICATIONS**

5. This report has been provided in response to the increasing number of requests for information about claims and awards under the scheme, and the number of individuals currently in receipt of War Pensions. A range of information is requested including further details of claims and awards (e.g. by claim type or outcome) and further information on those awarded compensation (e.g. age, sex or Service). The report is used by external organisations such as NHS trusts, local Government and Armed Forces charities. The report is also used to support other MOD departments in work planning and policy development.
6. The following areas of information are covered in the report:
  - Current recipients of War Pensions, with information presented by pension type, level of disablement, demographic information and financial information. This is provided to give a better picture of the type of people currently in receipt of compensation. Time trends are also provided to demonstrate the decreasing level of recipients under the scheme.
  - Number of claims, awards and appeals under the scheme, with information presented by scheme type, claim/appeal type, outcome and disablement percentage. This information is provided to show the volume of claims that are dealt with under the scheme, to show the success rates associated with each type of claim and appeal, and to show the key trends over time.
7. Information on WPS claims and awards that are made between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015 will be reported in the next publication in June 2015.
8. Defence Statistics have recently carried out internal and external customer consultations on the WPS National Statistic. A full summary of the consultations and planned changes to the report can be found in the War Pension Scheme background quality report:  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/287282/background\\_quality\\_report\\_war\\_pensions-recipients.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/287282/background_quality_report_war_pensions-recipients.pdf).
9. Further information on the WPS can be found at the following links: <https://www.gov.uk/pensions-and-compensation-for-veterans> and <http://www.veterans-uk.info/pensionscompensation.htm>.
10. Defence Statistics also publish information on Armed Forces Pension, War Pension and Armed Forces Compensation recipients by location. This is available on the .Gov website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/location-of-armed-forces-pension-and-compensation-recipients>) under 'other publications', 'health/medical statistics'.

## **DATA, DEFINITIONS AND METHODS**

### Scheme information and definitions

11. A claimant is eligible for consideration under the WPS where disablement or death has occurred as a result of Service in HM Forces, prior to 6 April 2005. In addition, awards may also be made where disablement or death has occurred as a result of:
  - War-time Service in the Naval Auxiliary Service, or the Mercantile Marine
  - Service in the Polish Forces under British command during World War Two
12. Pensions, allowances or other payments may also be awarded where the disablement or death of a civilian or a member of a civil defence organisation is the direct result of an injury sustained as a result of enemy action in World War Two.

13. Claims for injuries/illnesses as a result of Service can not be made until an individual has left the Services.
14. Injuries and illnesses are awarded under the scheme based on an individual's percentage disablement. The degree of disablement is assessed on a percentage basis by the War Pension Agency medical advisors. The medical adviser assesses the level of disablement in comparison to that of an able-bodied person of the same age and sex.
15. If an individual is assessed at a disablement percentage of 20% to 100%, they will be awarded an ongoing War Pension. This is paid at a rate which varies according to the degree of disablement. A gratuity award is a single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%. A nil award (0% degree of disablement) will be given where the medical condition has been accepted as being due to Service but has not led to any degree of disablement. Further information on the current rates paid for each level of disablement can be found at the following link: [http://www.veterans-uk.info/pdfs/publications/va\\_leaflets/valeaflet9.pdf](http://www.veterans-uk.info/pdfs/publications/va_leaflets/valeaflet9.pdf)
16. From 8 April 2002 a change in the law governing the War Pensions Scheme means that the provisions for war widowers have been equalised to align with those available to war widows. This change in the war pension law applies from the 8 April 2002 onwards and means that war widowers are now entitled, as appropriate, to the same basic pension, supplementary pension and allowances (e.g. in respect of any dependant children) as war widows. In particular, the means-testing element previously applied to war widowers' claims and pensions has been removed.
17. For war widow(er)s the standard rate of pension may be paid if the widow(er) has a dependant child, or is over 40, or is incapable of self-support. The lower rate is paid to childless widow(er)s under the age of 40. If the spouse was receiving Constant Attendance Allowance, or at the time of his/her death was 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement, a war widow(er)s Pension is awarded automatically irrespective of the cause of death.
18. The following periods of Service are covered under the WPS:
  - 1914 War - Disabled due to service between 4 August 1914 and 30 September 1921.
  - Inter War - Disabled due to service between 1 October 1921 and 2 September 1939.
  - 1939 Onwards - Disabled due to service from 3 September 1939 to 5 April 2005.
19. The following individuals receive payments under the scheme:
  - Disablement pensioner - member of former Service personnel with an injury/illness as a result of Service
  - War widow(er) - spouse of ex-Service person whose death was whilst in Service or related to a disablement due to Service prior to 6 April 2005.
  - Adult Dependant - adult relatives, i.e. sister, brother, aunt or uncle etc, for whom the service person was financially responsible.
  - War Orphan - child of deceased service person who has no surviving mother or father. Child whose mother was divorced from a service person at the time of death. Child who is not in the care of the surviving parent.
  - War Parent - parent of the deceased service person.
  - Unmarried Dependant - partner who lived with the ex-service person for at least 6 months before his enlistment, was maintained by him and who has borne his child.
  - Child Allowance Only - there is a Child Allowance Only Pension in payment, i.e. no award has been given to war widow(er)s Pension but her child has been awarded.
20. Some individuals receive supplementary allowances in addition to their war pension. The definitions are provided in Annex A.

### Medical condition information

21. Illnesses and injuries awarded under the WPS are recorded in both a free-text field and as a medical diagnosis code. To produce the figures for War pensions in payment for mental health conditions (see paragraph 63), records with a medical diagnosis code 4000 to 4008, indicating a mental disorder, were identified. The free-text field was also searched for terms such as 'PTSD', 'psych', 'phobia', 'depression', 'adjustment', 'anxiety', 'panic', 'dysthymic', 'schizophrenia', 'mood disorder', 'substance abuse' and 'mania', as well as any probable misspellings or alternate spellings. As conditions are sometimes spelt incorrectly it is possible that some records with reference to mental health have not been identified. Therefore the figures supplied should be treated as a minimum.

### Data sources and quality

22. Figures presented in this Statistical Notice are based on data stored on the Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency's War Pensions Computer System (WPCS). Defence Statistics receive quarterly data extracts from the WPCS which are used to compile the figures provided.

23. The Service Personnel and Veterans' Agency are responsible for ensuring the quality of WPCS data supplied to Defence Statistics.

24. When Defence Statistics receive the WPCS data extracts basic consistency checks are carried out. For example, the numbers of records received is compared to the previous extract to ensure the total number is as expected. If any data quality issues are evident following receipt of data, Defence Statistics liaise with DBS to determine whether any changes are required.

25. Further validation checks are carried out after the data has been processed to ensure that all processes and queries have run correctly and the final numbers are an accurate reflection of data received from DBS. Manual checks are then carried out on the final report to ensure that figures quoted in the commentary reflect those in the tables, and that the numbers sum to the totals provided.

### Presentation

26. In previous releases of these statistics, annual data was presented by financial year, however quarterly data was presented using calendar year quarters. This has now been amended so that the quarters correspond to the financial years (see **Conventions** section below for more details).

27. In line with Defence Statistics Rounding Policy to maintain anonymity of claimants, all figures have been rounded to the nearest five (totals may not add due to rounding). Figures fewer than 5 have been suppressed and shown as '~'. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest 1%.

### Revisions policy

28. The figures presented in this Statistical Notice are based on the data provided to Defence Statistics in quarterly extracts from DBS' War Pensions Computer System (WPCS). The figures reported for each quarter are based on the data extract provided by DBS at the end of that particular quarter, and will be correct as at the time each extract was taken. Therefore any update to claim information made on the WPCS after each quarterly snapshot will not be reflected in the report.

29. The way the figures are currently reported ensures comparability across quarters. This method also reduces the risk of undercounting of claims due to data archiving carried out by DBS. Defence Statistics have not investigated the extent to which claim information can change after a quarterly snapshot is taken, however we will investigate this in the next financial year. It is expected that outcome information for claims and appeals would both be affected during this investigation.

30. Historic data is only revised if errors are found in the data processing or statistical methods used during their publication. Errors are rarely identified. However if an error was found then all historic data would be revised, based on the quarterly snapshots of data, and Defence Statistics would highlight the error and the impact on the numbers presented on the front page of the publication.

### National Statistics

31. The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.
32. Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:
- meet identified user needs;
  - are well explained and readily accessible;
  - are produced according to sound methods; and
  - are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.
33. Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

### Conventions

~	Negligible (greater than zero, fewer than 5)
r	Revised
	Break in series
Q1	1 April to 30 June
Q2	1 July to 30 September
Q3	1 October to 31 December
Q4	1 January to 31 March

## RESULTS

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## **Section 1: Recipients of War Pensions**

34. **Table 1.1** provides a summary for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, scheme and quarter, for the last five quarters of data (31 March 2013 to 31 March 2014).
35. **Table 1.1** shows that as at 31 March 2014 a total of 145,005 individuals were in receipt of War Pensions, of which 121,900 were disablement pensioners, 22,445 were war widow(er)s and 660 were other types of pensioner.
36. Between 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2014 the total number of war pensions in payment reduced by 5%, from 152,695 to 145,005. The number of war disablement pensioners in receipt of an ongoing pension decreased 5% (from 127,590 to 121,900) and the number of war widow(er)s in receipt of a pension decreased 8% (from 24,415 to 22,445).
37. This decline is primarily due to the fact that the number of individuals leaving the scheme each year is considerably higher than the number of individuals joining the scheme. The reasons for this are twofold. Firstly, the age profile of current recipients; 50% of DPs and 85% of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2014 (see **Table 1.6** for age group breakdown). Secondly, compensation claims for injury, illness, or death caused by Service on or after the 6 April 2005 are now processed under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). As such, the number of claimants joining the WPS is expected to reduce further.

**Table 1.1: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, principal scheme and quarter, 31 March 2013 to 31 March 2014, numbers**

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-13	30-Jun-13	30-Sep-13	31-Dec-13	31-Mar-14
<b>ALL IN PAYMENT</b>	<b>152,695</b>	<b>150,520</b>	<b>148,585</b>	<b>146,760</b>	<b>145,005</b>
<b>Disablement Pensioners</b>	<b>127,590</b>	<b>125,915</b>	<b>124,555</b>	<b>123,200</b>	<b>121,900</b>
in receipt of an ongoing war pension					
1914 war	0	0	0	0	0
Inter-war	15	15	15	15	10
1939 war onwards	125,835	124,215	122,900	121,600	120,355
Civilian	1,080	1,060	1,040	1,010	980
Polish	290	275	260	245	230
Mercantile marine	370	350	340	330	320
Not known	~	0	~	~	5
<b>War Widow(er)s</b>	<b>24,415</b>	<b>23,920</b>	<b>23,360</b>	<b>22,900</b>	<b>22,445</b>
War widows pension	24,330	23,840	23,280	22,815	22,365
War widowers pension	85	80	85	80	80
<b>Other Pensioners</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>660</b>
Disablement pensioners (ALSO allowance only)	360	355	355	350	345
War orphans pension	20	25	20	20	20
War parents pension	10	10	10	10	10
Adult dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Unmarried dependant pension	~	~	~	~	~
Child allowance only	295	290	280	280	280

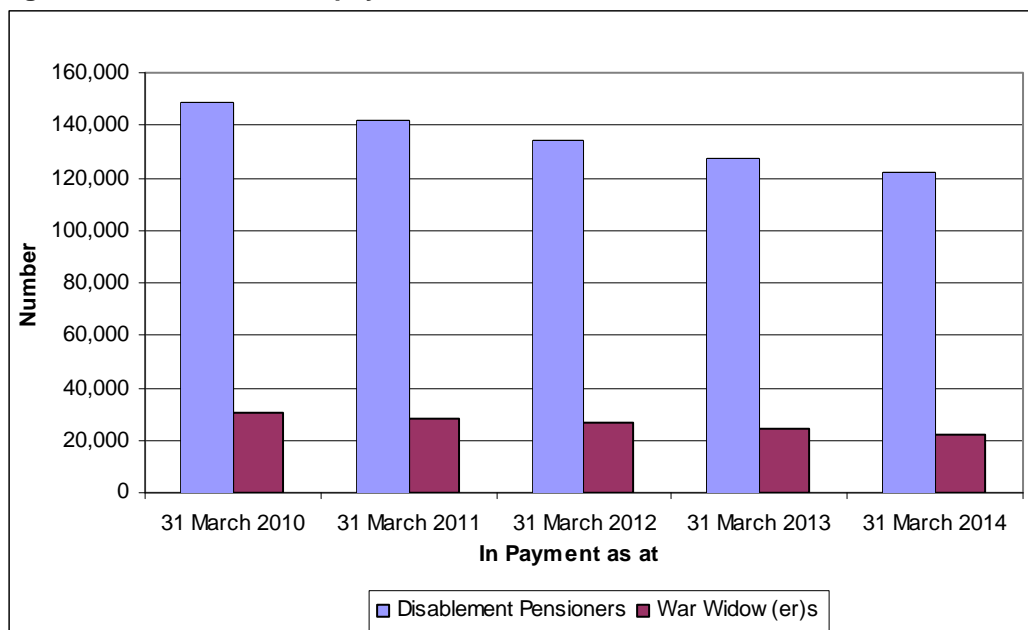
38. **Table 1.2** provides a summary for the number of War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year. **Table 1.2** shows that of the 145,005 individuals in receipt of war pensions as at 31 March 2014, 80% (n=116,610) were males and 20% (n=28,395) were females. As at 31 March 2014, 95% of disablement pensioners were males (n=116,055), and less than one percent of individuals in receipt of war widow(er)s pensions were males (n=80). We would expect the majority of disablement pensioners to be males, as they make up the majority of the overall Armed Forces population.
39. **Table 1.2** and **Figure 1** show that the number of disablement pensioners receiving a payment has fallen each year over the past five years, from 148,945 as at 31 March 2010, to 121,900 as at 31 March 2014, an overall decrease of 19%. Over the same period the number of war widow(er)s fell 27%, from 30,655 to 22,445.

**Table 1.2: War Pensions in payment by type of pension, gender and financial year end, 31 March 2010 to 31 March 2014, numbers**

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	Mar-2013	Mar-2014
<b>ALL IN PAYMENT</b>	<b>180,400</b>	<b>170,910</b>	<b>161,535</b>	<b>152,695</b>	<b>145,005</b>
Men	142,770	135,740	128,720	122,105	116,610
Women	37,630	35,175	32,820	30,590	28,395
<b>Disablement Pensioners</b>	<b>148,945</b>	<b>141,715</b>	<b>134,430</b>	<b>127,590</b>	<b>121,900</b>
Men	142,135	135,120	128,130	121,530	116,055
Women	6,810	6,595	6,305	6,060	5,845
<b>War Widow(er)s</b>	<b>30,655</b>	<b>28,425</b>	<b>26,375</b>	<b>24,415</b>	<b>22,445</b>
Men	75	75	80	85	80
Women	30,580	28,350	26,295	24,330	22,365
<b>Other Pensioners</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>660</b>
Men	555	540	510	490	470
Women	240	230	220	200	185



**Figure 1: War Pensions in payment, 31 March 2010 to 31 March 2014, numbers**



Source Data: Table 1.2

40. **Table 1.3** provides the total intake and outflow from the War Pension Scheme in the last five financial years, by pension type. This table shows that the number of new entrants to the scheme has reduced by 11% over the last four financial years, from 2,795 in 2009-10 to 2,475 in 2013-14. During each of the last five financial years the numbers leaving the scheme have been much higher than the numbers of new entrants. Overall during 2013-14 there were 2,475<sup>1</sup> new entrants to the scheme, while 10,165 individuals left the scheme.
41. Individuals leave the scheme (outflow) for a number of reasons the main reason is that the ageing population of war pension recipients is leading to an increase in the number of deaths (see Table 1.6 for age profile of recipients). Individuals can also leave the scheme due to re-marriage (for pensions post 1973), failure to draw pension for a year, refusal to undergo medical/provide medical evidence or imprisonment.
42. Although the number of new entrants to the scheme is decreasing each year, during 2013/14 there was an increase in the number of entrants. This may be a result of the number of personnel that outflowed from the UK Regular Armed Forces rising in the last two financial years when compared with the preceding three years (2009/10 to 2011/12)<sup>[1]</sup>, due to the Armed Forces conforming to redundancy targets as set out in the Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR). As the number of people leaving the Armed Forces increases so too does the number of people eligible to make a claim under the WPS for injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005. This may explain the rise in new entrants to the WPS in 2013/14. The Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) was a review of the United Kingdom's Defence and security capability that was published in 2010. It envisaged that by 2020 each Service will number: Royal Navy 29,000, RAF, 31500 and Army 94,000. The target for the Army was revised to 82,000 following the internal 3ME In July 2011 and announcements in the Army 2020 paper published in July 2012. Therefore in future publications this may lead to a rise in new entrants to the WPS as more people will be eligible to make a claim under the WPS for injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005.
43. The majority of new entrants in 2013/14 were ex-Service personnel claiming for an injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005 (disablement pensioners). Individuals are only eligible to make a claim under the WPS once they have left the Services and therefore new intake is likely to continue in future years.

1: UK Armed Forces Annual Personnel Report: 2014, Table 9

**Table 1.3: War Pensions flows by type of pension and financial year, 2009-10 to 2013-14, numbers**

	Financial Year				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
<b>ALL IN PAYMENT</b>	<b>180,400</b>	<b>170,910</b>	<b>161,535</b>	<b>152,695</b>	<b>145,005</b>
Total intake in financial year	2,795	2,640	2,145	2,010	2,475 <sup>r</sup>
Total outflow in financial year	13,140	12,125	11,520	10,855	10,165
<b>Disablement Pensioners</b>	<b>148,945</b>	<b>141,715</b>	<b>134,430</b>	<b>127,590</b>	<b>121,900</b>
Intake during financial year	2,070	1,975	1,525	1,435	1,910
Outflow during financial year	10,250	9,210	8,810	8,275	7,600
<b>War Widow(er)s</b>	<b>30,655</b>	<b>28,425</b>	<b>26,375</b>	<b>24,415</b>	<b>22,445</b>
Intake during financial year	715	650	605	575	555
Outflow during financial year	2,845	2,880	2,655	2,535	2,520
<b>Other Pensioners</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>660</b>
Intake during financial year	10	10	10	5	10
Outflow during financial year	45	35	50	45	40

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

44. **Table 1.4** provides the number of disablement pensions in payment as at 31 March 2014 for each degree of disablement and scheme type. The degree of disablement shows the level of disablement an individual has in comparison to an able-bodied person of the same age and sex. Further information on the disablement assessment procedures can be found in paragraphs 14 and 15.
45. Individuals with a disablement percentage of 40% or above would generally have conditions affecting their mobility. Those at 80% disablement and above are considered to be the most seriously disabled, needing constant care. Anyone with a disablement percentage below 40% would generally have more minor injuries.
46. **Table 1.4** shows that the majority, 79% (n=95,910), of disablement pensioners received a pension at a degree of disablement below 40%, indicating more minor injuries. A much smaller proportion of disablement pensioners were in receipt of pensions at 80% disablement or above (6%, n=7,090), indicating those with the most serious disabilities.
47. **Table 1.4 and Figure 2** show that as the percentage disablement increases (i.e. disablement level gets more severe) the number of individuals in receipt of pensions decreases. This is what we would expect as the majority of individuals claiming have more minor injuries/illnesses. However this trend changes at the 100% disablement level, with an increase in the number of recipients from 860 at 90% disablement to 3,510 at 100% disablement. This is likely to be because there are a number of prescribed injuries for which a pension at 100% disablement is automatically payable, for example mesothelioma, certain amputations, loss of sight and deafness. There are also other injuries that are automatically payable at the 80% and 90% level, but these are far fewer than those at the 100% level. The increase may also be due to cases where an individual is awarded for multiple injuries/illnesses. In these cases the overall disablement level can not exceed 100%.
48. The majority, 99% (n=120,355) of disablement pensions were in payment under the scheme type of '1939 War onwards'. This reflects the current age profile of War Pension recipients. See Table 1.6 for current age profile of war pension recipients. Also please refer to paragraphs 11, 12 and 18 for further information on scheme types under the WPS.
49. **Figure 2** shows that the proportion of DPs at each degree of disablement has remained constant between March 2010 and March 2014.

**Table 1.4: Disablement Pensions in payment by degree of disablement as at 31 March 2014, numbers**

<b>Degree of disablement (Percentage)</b>								
Men and Women	TOTAL	1914 War	Inter War	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not Known
<b>ALL</b>	<b>121,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>120,355</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>5</b>
20	49,255	0	~	48,855	235	65	100	~
30	29,330	0	~	28,965	220	55	90	~
40	17,325	0	~	17,050	170	35	65	~
50	9,170	0	0	9,040	90	15	25	0
60	5,795	0	0	5,715	50	15	10	0
70	3,405	0	0	3,335	50	10	10	0
80	2,720	0	~	2,665	35	10	10	0
90	860	0	~	835	20	~	~	0
100	3,510	0	~	3,380	105	15	10	0
Not Known <sup>(1)</sup>	525	0	0	515	5	~	~	0

Men

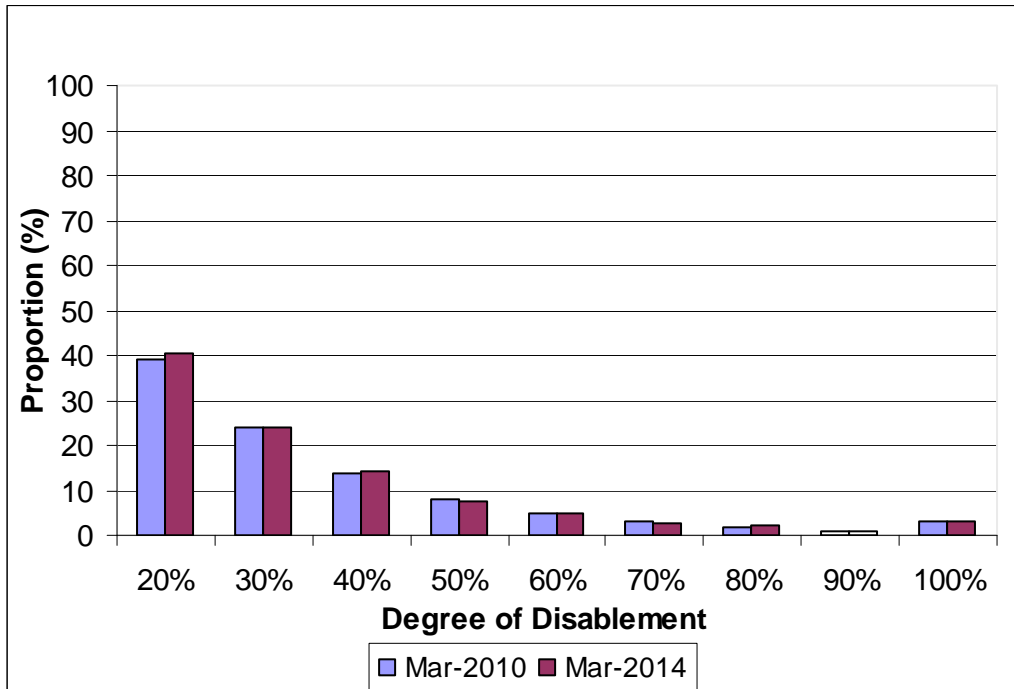
<b>ALL</b>	<b>116,055</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>115,125</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>5</b>
20	46,995	0	~	46,745	90	60	100	~
30	27,980	0	~	27,755	80	55	90	~
40	16,475	0	~	16,295	75	35	65	~
50	8,765	0	0	8,695	30	15	25	0
60	5,495	0	0	5,450	20	15	10	0
70	3,225	0	0	3,185	20	10	10	0
80	2,570	0	~	2,535	15	10	10	0
90	820	0	~	805	5	~	~	0
100	3,300	0	~	3,230	45	15	10	0
Not Known <sup>(1)</sup>	440	0	0	435	0	~	~	0

Women

<b>ALL</b>	<b>5,845</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
20	2,260	0	0	2,110	145	5	0	0
30	1,350	0	0	1,210	135	~	0	0
40	855	0	0	755	95	~	0	0
50	405	0	0	345	60	0	0	0
60	300	0	0	270	30	~	0	0
70	180	0	0	150	30	0	0	0
80	150	0	0	130	20	0	0	0
90	40	0	0	30	10	0	0	0
100	210	0	0	150	60	0	0	0
Not Known <sup>(1)</sup>	90	0	0	80	5	~	0	0

(1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases.

**Figure 2: Disablement pensioners at each degree of disablement as at 31 March 2010 and 31 March 2014, percentages**



Source Data: Table 1.4

50. **Table 1.5** provides the number of pensions in payment as at 31 March 2014 broken down by Government Office Region, pension and scheme type. This table shows that the highest numbers of pensions were in payment to individuals with a contact address in the South West (n=20,095) and the South East (N=19,055). We would expect to see a high level of claimants in these areas, as the majority of Armed Forces personnel are stationed within these areas of the UK (see Defence Statistics personnel statistics by stationed location for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/location-of-uk-regular-service-and-civilian-personnel-quarterly-statistics-2014>)

**Table 1.5: Pensioners by type of pension, principal scheme (DPs) and Government Office Region (GOR) as at 31 March 2014, numbers**

GOR	Disablement Pensioners										
	All Pensioners	All DPs	1914 War	Inter-war	1939 War onwards	Civilian	Polish	Mercantile Marine	Not known	War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>ALL</b>	<b>145,005</b>	<b>121,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>120,355</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22,445</b>	<b>660</b>
North East	9,380	8,475	0	0	8,405	35	~	30	~	855	50
North West	15,715	13,510	0	0	13,285	135	20	70	0	2,135	70
Yorkshire and the Humber	10,450	8,795	0	~	8,730	40	15	10	0	1,590	65
East Midlands	9,510	8,070	0	0	8,010	35	15	10	~	1,400	40
West Midlands	8,455	6,980	0	0	6,905	45	20	5	0	1,440	35
East of England	9,935	7,910	0	~	7,785	105	10	10	0	1,995	30
London	4,535	3,420	0	~	3,250	135	30	~	0	1,100	20
South East	19,055	15,280	0	~	15,040	195	15	30	0	3,695	80
South West	20,095	17,005	0	~	16,860	110	10	25	0	2,990	100
Wales	8,150	6,925	0	~	6,875	25	5	20	0	1,185	35
Scotland	13,645	11,890	0	0	11,800	40	15	35	~	1,690	60
N. Ireland	4,275	3,680	0	0	3,675	5	0	~	0	570	20
Other UK <sup>(1)</sup>	410	340	0	0	335	~	0	~	0	65	~
UK Unknown	420	345	0	0	335	10	0	~	0	75	0
Overseas	10,835	9,135	0	~	8,935	60	65	70	0	1,650	50
Not Known	140	135	0	0	135	~	~	0	0	5	~

(1) 'Other UK' includes Isle of Man and Channel Islands.

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes war orphans, war parents, adult dependant, unmarried dependants, juvenile dependant, child allowance only, and allowance for lowered standard of occupation only pensioners.

51. **Table 1.6** provides the number of War Pensions in payment as at 31 March 2014 by age group, pension type and disablement percentage. This table shows that 50% (n=60,940) of DPs and 85% (n=19,040) of WWs were aged 70 or over as at 31 March 2014. Numbers in the older age-groups will continue to rise as those in receipt of pensions get older and as new entrants to the scheme decrease as more recent injuries are eligible under the AFCS instead of the WPS.

**Table 1.6: War Pensions in payment by pension type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2014, numbers**

AGE GROUP	All Pensioners	Disablement Pensioners											War Widow(er)s	Other Pensioners <sup>(2)</sup>
		All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	Not Known <sup>(1)</sup>		
<b>ALL</b>	<b>145,005</b>	<b>121,900</b>	<b>49,255</b>	<b>29,330</b>	<b>17,325</b>	<b>9,170</b>	<b>5,795</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>22,445</b>	<b>660</b>
Under 30	415	330	190	75	30	10	10	~	~	~	~	10	10	75
30 to 34	1,600	1,565	790	375	190	85	45	20	20	~	20	20	30	~
35 to 39	2,885	2,805	1,345	665	385	160	105	40	40	~	30	30	65	15
40 to 44	7,750	7,540	3,325	1,825	1,085	520	330	150	100	25	120	55	160	50
45 to 49	9,660	9,340	4,005	2,315	1,335	620	420	205	155	40	190	55	270	50
50 to 54	11,130	10,685	4,315	2,555	1,535	860	485	305	215	70	295	45	390	55
55 to 59	10,060	9,440	3,580	2,305	1,430	730	510	295	200	50	300	45	540	80
60 to 64	9,440	8,615	3,215	2,015	1,350	715	470	270	220	55	275	25	750	75
65 to 69	11,925	10,645	4,245	2,485	1,495	815	560	350	250	80	335	30	1,195	90
70 to 74	11,970	10,190	4,285	2,265	1,355	775	475	295	260	90	360	25	1,715	65
75 to 79	17,245	14,700	6,515	3,620	1,860	950	580	370	305	90	375	30	2,490	55
80 to 84	15,440	12,150	5,155	3,060	1,645	850	460	300	260	85	300	35	3,270	20
85 to 89	15,845	11,190	4,175	2,665	1,670	940	575	365	275	105	375	55	4,640	15
90 to 94	15,805	10,660	3,470	2,625	1,665	935	635	365	345	130	425	60	5,140	10
95 +	3,835	2,050	645	475	300	205	130	85	65	30	100	15	1,785	~

(1) 'Not known' consists of those entitled to a disablement pension but with no percentage disability recorded. These include clerical overrides and suspended cases.

(2) 'Other Pensioners' includes War Orphans, War Parents, Adult Dependant, Unmarried Dependant, Juvenile Dependant, Child Allowance only and Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation only Pensioners.

52. **Table 1.7** provides the average weekly amounts received by DPs and WWs in War Pensions and allowances, broken down by age group and degree of disablement.
53. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by DPs as at 31 March 2014 was £84.29. Of this, £59.68 was from their disablement pension, whilst £24.61 came from supplementary allowances. The average weekly amount received by a DP at the 100% disablement rate was £370.45. DPs aged 95 and over received the highest weekly pension of £68.12, whilst DPs aged 65-69 received the highest weekly supplementary allowance of £33.89.
54. **Figure 3** shows that disablement pensions increased with each age group and then leveled off between the age groups 55-59 and 70-74. At age group 75-79 there was a drop in weekly pensions before they began to increase again at 85-89. Similarly, supplementary allowances increased with each age group until the age group 65-69 where they began to decrease.
55. **Table 1.7** shows that the average weekly amount received by WWs as at 31 March 2014 was £237.29. Of this, £129.09 was from their pension, whilst £108.19 came from supplementary allowances. WWs aged 95 and over received the highest average weekly pension amount (£130.31), and WWs aged 90-94 received the highest average weekly supplementary allowances amount (£128.33).
56. **Figure 4** shows that WWs pensions increased with each age group and leveled off at age group 50-54 to 95 and over. From the age group 35-39, WW average weekly supplementary allowances decrease up until the age group 55-59, before they increase at age group 60-64 to 95 and over.
57. The differences in average weekly amounts paid in supplementary allowances for each age group are likely to be linked to the various eligibility criteria and rates for each allowance. For example certain allowances can only be claimed by those aged under 65 (e.g. allowance for lower standard of occupation and unemployability supplement). A description of each supplementary allowance can be found in Annex A. The following link gives details of the current pension rates, and also details of the eligibility criteria for each of the supplementary allowances: [http://www.veterans-uk.info/pdfs/publications/va\\_leaflets/valeaflet9.pdf](http://www.veterans-uk.info/pdfs/publications/va_leaflets/valeaflet9.pdf).

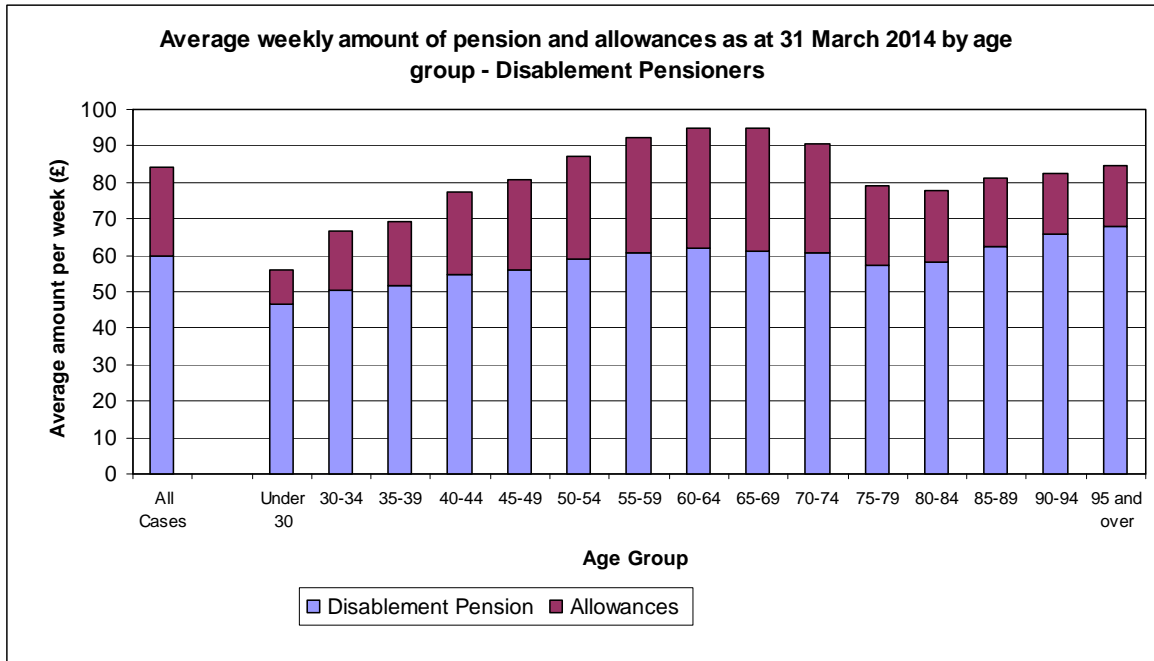
**Table 1.7: Average weekly amounts of pension entitlement by type, percentage disablement (DPs) and age band as at 31 March 2014, currency (£)**

(All figures are in £s)

AGE GROUP	Disablement Pension										War Widow(er)s
	All DPs	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%	
<b>PENSION &amp; ALLOWANCES</b>											
<b>All Cases</b>	<b>84.29</b>	<b>35.67</b>	<b>55.33</b>	<b>98.27</b>	<b>128.41</b>	<b>175.03</b>	<b>205.63</b>	<b>260.95</b>	<b>285.03</b>	<b>370.45</b>	<b>237.29</b>
Under 30	55.83	34.24	50.87	87.13	108.80	159.51	120.05	353.50	255.65	427.28	63.93
30 to 34	66.65	34.36	50.81	93.01	117.13	195.60	196.27	305.17	158.59	430.35	99.68
35 to 39	69.12	34.45	51.53	99.06	130.07	195.67	217.97	275.87	301.87	365.27	148.96
40 to 44	77.30	34.98	52.89	102.53	131.12	191.26	236.13	284.13	349.61	407.39	148.97
45 to 49	80.61	35.63	54.53	99.76	133.86	195.85	223.49	293.81	332.51	400.68	149.27
50 to 54	87.23	35.80	56.10	100.16	138.17	189.48	227.89	283.79	303.55	384.76	142.72
55 to 59	92.30	36.90	57.05	102.51	138.95	191.10	226.15	287.95	341.53	388.53	144.71
60 to 64	94.69	37.01	58.08	101.23	139.01	194.57	230.08	283.59	292.39	391.65	157.50
65 to 69	94.94	36.14	57.43	108.79	142.23	197.48	229.87	297.23	350.15	417.22	190.25
70 to 74	90.76	36.34	57.37	102.97	136.25	182.01	216.00	285.29	303.21	389.03	218.81
75 to 79	79.25	35.61	55.90	98.37	125.59	172.13	211.96	264.56	292.72	373.36	231.05
80 to 84	77.66	35.24	55.42	97.00	122.60	161.27	187.41	244.26	270.11	361.97	252.90
85 to 89	81.08	34.96	53.64	89.34	113.56	144.33	172.01	221.84	251.77	336.96	257.49
90 to 94	82.35	34.88	52.72	86.33	107.99	133.54	152.87	199.98	216.99	306.44	258.58
95 +	84.47	34.88	52.17	85.56	107.93	133.33	150.70	185.70	214.61	287.21	257.17
<b>PENSION ONLY</b>											
<b>All Cases</b>	<b>59.68</b>	<b>34.22</b>	<b>51.29</b>	<b>68.08</b>	<b>84.96</b>	<b>102.02</b>	<b>119.27</b>	<b>136.33</b>	<b>153.52</b>	<b>169.29</b>	<b>129.09</b>
Under 30	46.58	34.24	50.87	59.92	80.72	102.75	120.05	137.20	154.35	144.67	51.98
30 to 34	50.62	33.94	50.78	65.10	81.96	97.03	108.34	132.50	154.35	160.91	67.98
35 to 39	51.64	34.04	50.90	66.05	81.46	98.59	111.83	130.71	132.08	154.03	92.45
40 to 44	54.57	33.94	50.88	66.74	82.71	98.74	116.54	132.36	148.32	162.74	110.66
45 to 49	56.05	34.15	51.02	67.29	83.38	100.67	116.93	133.33	151.54	162.93	119.66
50 to 54	59.04	34.19	51.12	67.68	84.06	100.97	119.24	135.37	149.49	164.77	126.61
55 to 59	60.88	34.21	51.29	67.99	84.63	101.67	119.50	135.91	154.08	167.77	128.38
60 to 64	62.05	34.21	51.35	68.27	85.14	102.62	119.78	136.97	154.28	169.16	128.23
65 to 69	61.06	34.28	51.37	68.38	85.49	102.71	119.44	136.94	154.34	170.63	128.76
70 to 74	60.80	34.28	51.39	68.57	85.67	102.66	119.58	137.12	154.28	171.31	128.75
75 to 79	57.45	34.28	51.42	68.56	85.68	102.86	119.94	136.91	154.31	171.43	128.82
80 to 84	58.05	34.27	51.42	68.57	85.71	102.77	120.03	137.18	154.35	171.25	129.67
85 to 89	62.45	34.28	51.42	68.58	85.71	102.86	119.93	137.20	154.35	171.47	129.76
90 to 94	65.86	34.28	51.42	68.58	85.73	102.88	120.03	137.15	154.32	171.49	130.25
95 +	68.12	34.29	51.44	68.60	85.74	102.87	119.99	137.20	154.35	171.49	130.31
<b>ALLOWANCES ONLY (including Widows special allowance)</b>											
<b>All Cases</b>	<b>24.61</b>	<b>1.45</b>	<b>4.04</b>	<b>30.19</b>	<b>43.45</b>	<b>73.01</b>	<b>86.30</b>	<b>124.62</b>	<b>131.51</b>	<b>201.16</b>	<b>108.19</b>
Under 30	9.25	0.00	0.00	27.21	28.09	56.76	0.00	216.30	101.30	282.61	11.95
30 to 34	16.03	0.41	0.03	27.91	35.18	98.57	87.93	172.66	4.24	269.45	31.70
35 to 39	17.48	0.40	0.62	33.01	48.61	97.08	106.15	145.16	169.79	211.24	56.51
40 to 44	22.74	1.04	2.01	35.79	48.40	92.53	119.59	151.76	201.29	244.66	38.31
45 to 49	24.54	1.49	3.51	32.47	50.48	95.18	105.57	160.48	180.97	237.75	29.61
50 to 54	28.19	1.61	4.99	32.48	54.11	88.51	108.65	148.42	154.07	219.99	16.12
55 to 59	31.42	2.69	5.76	34.52	54.32	89.43	106.64	152.04	187.45	220.77	16.33
60 to 64	32.64	2.81	6.74	32.96	53.87	91.95	110.30	146.62	138.10	222.49	29.27
65 to 69	33.89	1.85	6.05	40.42	56.74	94.77	110.43	160.29	195.81	246.59	61.49
70 to 74	29.96	2.06	5.98	34.40	50.58	79.35	96.43	148.17	148.93	217.72	90.06
75 to 79	21.80	1.33	4.48	29.81	39.91	69.27	92.03	127.65	138.42	201.93	102.23
80 to 84	19.61	0.97	3.99	28.43	36.89	58.50	67.39	107.08	115.76	190.72	123.23
85 to 89	18.63	0.68	2.21	20.76	27.86	41.47	52.08	84.64	97.42	165.49	127.73
90 to 94	16.48	0.60	1.30	17.75	22.26	30.66	32.83	62.83	62.67	134.95	128.33
95 +	16.35	0.59	0.74	16.97	22.19	30.46	30.71	48.50	60.26	115.72	126.86

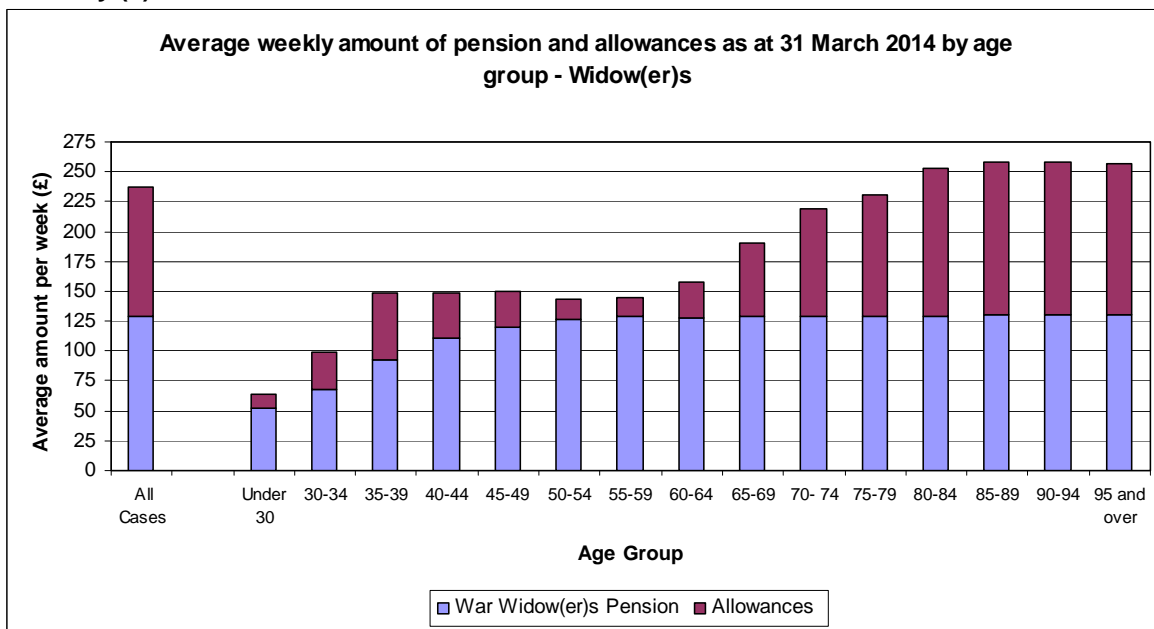


**Figure 3: Disablement pensioners' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2014, by age group, currency (£)**



Source Data: Table 1.7

**Figure 4: War widow(er)s' average weekly pension and allowances as at 31 March 2014 by age group, currency (£)**



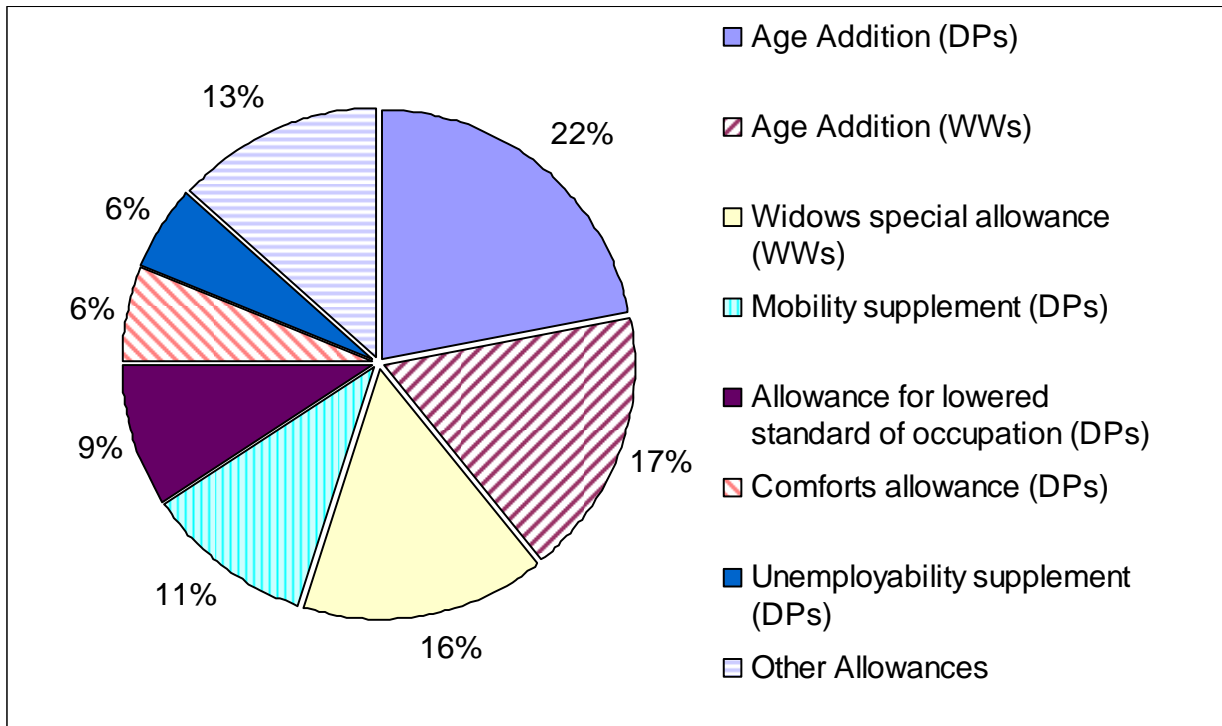
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58. **Table 1.8** provides the number of supplementary allowances in payment over the last five quarters, broken down by allowance type and quarter. This table shows that as at 31 March 2014 a total of 115,910 supplementary allowances were in payment.
59. **Figure 5** shows that the most common supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2014 were DPs and WWs Age Additions, accounting for 39% (n=45,460) of all allowances in payment. Age addition allowances are made to help a pensioner cope with the increased costs associated with the burden of ageing and having a disablement, rather than any acceptance that the disablement worsens with age. For disablement pensioners, the age allowance is paid at age 65, at four different rates depending on the level of disablement. For war widow(er)s there are three age allowances paid at one rate, payable at ages 65, 70 and 80. The high proportion of individuals in receipt of age addition allowances reflects the age profile of disablement pensioners and war widow(er)s – Table 1.6 shows that the majority (disablement pensioners 60% and war widow(er)s 90%) are aged 65 or over.
60. The next most common allowance was Widow(er)s' Special Allowance, accounting for 16% (n=18,425) of all allowances in payment. This is a supplementary pension payable to Widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the Services before 31 March 1973, as they would not benefit from the improvements made to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme after that date.

**Table 1.8: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of allowance and quarter, 31 March 2013 to 31 March 2014, numbers**

Allowance type	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-13	30-Jun-13	30-Sep-13	31-Dec-13	31-Mar-14
<b>ALL ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>123,420</b>	<b>121,475</b>	<b>119,480</b>	<b>117,705</b>	<b>115,910</b>
Age 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	865	835	795	760	740
Age addition - Disablement	27,545	27,035	26,545	26,035	25,500
Age addition – Widows	21,655	21,195	20,845	20,405	19,960
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	10,965	10,900	10,835	10,790	10,730
Clothing allowance	2,925	2,880	2,840	2,805	2,785
Comforts allowance	7,320	7,260	7,200	7,130	7,065
Constant attendance allowance	2,320	2,300	2,275	2,245	2,220
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	515	510	515	515	510
Severe disablement occupational allowance	~	~	~	~	~
Invalidity allowance	5,885	5,850	5,820	5,795	5,765
Mobility supplement	12,830	12,690	12,585	12,470	12,375
Unemployability supplement	6,660	6,605	6,560	6,515	6,470
Modified unemployability supplement	30	30	30	25	25
Additional allowance spouse	1,150	1,120	1,100	1,080	1,065
Modified allowance for spouse	115	110	105	105	95
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	~	~	~
Additional allowance child	1,120	1,140	945	1,000	1,055
Child allowance	585	590	460	510	530
Over age infirm child allowance	235	235	230	225	225
Modified over age infirm child allowance	10	10	10	10	10
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	130	125	115	115	120
Widow(er)s rent allowance	255	265	270	270	235
Widow(er)s special allowance	20,305	19,800	19,395	18,905	18,425

**Figure 5: All supplementary allowances in payment as at 31 March 2014, percentages**



Source Data: Table 1.8

61. **Table 1.8a** provides the overall number of supplementary allowances in payment at the end of each of the last five financial years. The average weekly amount paid in allowances to DPs and WWs at the end of each of these years is also provided. The average weekly payments to war widow(er)s are considerably higher than for disablement pensioners as the war widow(er)s payments relate to a death of a spouse/eligible partner caused by Service. The majority of pensions in payment to disablement pensioners are at the lower disablement percentages (Table 1.4) and therefore equate to lower financial amounts compared to the standard war widow(er)s pension rate.

**Table 1.8a: Supplementary allowances in payment by type of pension, 31 March 2010 to 31 March 2014, numbers and average weekly amount (£)**

	Awards in payment at:				
	31-Mar-10	31-Mar-11	31-Mar-12	31-Mar-13	31-Mar-14
<b>ALL ALLOWANCES</b>	<b>149,470</b>	<b>140,645</b>	<b>131,870</b>	<b>123,420</b>	<b>115,910</b>
<b>Average Weekly Allowances Entitlement (in £s)</b>					
Disablement Pensioners	20.31	21.66	22.5	23.88	24.61
War Widow(er)s	100.95	101.34	103.44	107.48	108.19

62. Defence Statistics receive a high volume of requests for the number of disablement pensioners in receipt of war pensions for specific medical conditions. Due to the free text nature of the condition information, it is not possible to provide a summary table for all conditions. However it is possible to carry out searches of medical diagnosis codes and free-text condition information for specific conditions. We have had a lot of interest in the number of disablement pensioners in receipt of war pensions for mental health conditions and therefore the number has been provided below.

63. As at 31 March 2014, there were 10,610 (9%) disablement pensioners in receipt of ongoing War Pensions for a mental health condition related to Service. Of these, 5,920 were in receipt of pensions specifically for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

## **Section 2: Number of claims, awards and appeals**

64. This section provides information on the numbers of claims and appeals registered under the WPS and the outcomes of these claims. Further information on the claim and appeal process under the WPS can be found at the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/claim-for-injury-received-while-serving>.
65. Individuals can make multiple claims under the WPS, for example a claim for an initial war pension followed by a claim for a further condition. For this reason the tables in this section include figures for both the number of people who have registered claims and the number of claims registered.
66. **Table 2.1** provides the number of claims registered under the War Pension Scheme during the last five quarters, broken down by claim type and quarter. During Q4-2013/14, 5,880 people registered a total of 6,370 claims, of which 50% (n=3,200) were disablement claims. Although the AFCS replaced the WPS for injuries/illness from 6 April 2005 onwards, there is still currently a high volume of new disablement claims each quarter (from 3,010 in Q4-2012/13 to 3,200 in Q4-2013/14). Many people with injuries/illnesses due to Service prior to 6 April 2005 will not yet have claimed for a war pension, as individuals can only claim under the WPS once they have left Service.
67. **Table 2.1** shows that the number of claims made by war widow(er)s ranged from a high of 320 in Q4-2012/13 and a low of 210 in Q3-2013/14. These are likely to be cases where a disablement pensioner has been in receipt of a war pension for an injury/illness due to Service prior to 6 April 2005 and has subsequently died as a result of this disablement. In these cases the widow(er) will be entitled to claim for a pension under the WPS.

**Table 2.1: Claims registered during quarter, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers**

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>All Claims - number of people</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>5,325</b>	<b>5,190</b>	<b>5,880</b>
<b>All Claims - number of claims</b>	<b>6,105</b>	<b>5,945</b>	<b>5,805</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>6,370</b>
Disablement claims	3,010	3,150	2,925	2,875	3,200
War Widow(er)s claims	320	295	280	210	250
Supplementary allowance claims	1,020	970	985	885	1,025
Supplementary allowance reviews	735	550	575	550	645
Medical expenses	565	555	560	500	470
Appeals	445	425	480	545	780

68. **Table 2.1a** provides a more detailed breakdown for each type of claim. There are a number of different types of claim that a disablement pensioner can make:

- Current invalidating claims and first claims to pension cover the initial claim that an individual makes for an injury/illness caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005.
- Further condition claims - disablement pensioners who already have entitlement to a war disablement pension can claim for an additional medical condition.
- Conditional list review - these cases arise because DBS Medical Services have previously made an interim assessment for a limited period because the level of disablement was likely to change. A review date is calculated so that disablement can be reassessed before the given period expires.
- Deterioration claims – an application can be made to increase a war pension if an accepted condition has worsened, or, if another condition has made the accepted war pension disablement worse.
- Departmental review – a review can be carried out to reassess a case when a condition has been rejected and an award for a war pension has not been made.

**Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers**

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>Disablement claims - number of people</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>2,810</b>	<b>2,760</b>	<b>3,045</b>
<b>Disablement claims - number of claims</b>	<b>3,010</b>	<b>3,150</b>	<b>2,925</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>3,200</b>
Current invaliding	145	220	120	205	235
First claim to pension	1,360	1,350	1,280	1,265	1,385
Further condition	680	660	685	655	760
Deterioration	735	820	735	670	735
Departmental review	15	25	50	35	40
Conditional list review	75	75	55	45	45
<b>War Widow(er)s - number of people</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>War Widow(er)s - number of claims</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>250</b>
Widow(er)s	310	280	270	205	240
Restored Widow(er)s	10	15	10	5	15
Review Widow(er)s	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of people</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>895</b>
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1,025</b>
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	95	100	95	95	115
Clothing allowance	40	50	30	25	55
Constant attendance allowance	70	65	80	60	50
Mobility supplement	195	195	205	185	200
Unemployability supplement	75	90	75	80	55
Additional allowance spouse	30	20	20	20	15
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	~	~	~
Additional allowance child	20	15	30	40	20
Child allowance only	~	0	~	5	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	30	20	30	60	105
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	80	75	75	65	70
Funeral expenses	370	345	345	250	335
<b>Supplementary allowance reviews<sup>(1)</sup> - number of people</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Supplementary allowance reviews<sup>(1)</sup> - number of claims</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>645</b>
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	380	310	320	345	315
Constant attendance allowance	15	20	20	10	15
Mobility supplement	25	20	15	20	15
Unemployability supplement	105	75	80	80	115
Additional allowance spouse	170	45	35	30	140
Additional allowance dependant	~	~	0	0	~
Child allowance <sup>(2)</sup>	45	80	95	70	45
<b>Appeals - number of people</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Appeals - number of claims</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>780</b>
Entitlement - Disablement	130	120	145	145	235
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	10	10	20	15	30
Assessment	250	240	265	320	435
Supplementary Allowances	40	45	45	55	60
Miscellaneous	15	10	10	10	25



**Table 2.1a: Claims registered during quarter by claim type, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers (Continued)**

Claim type	Claims registered during:				
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>Medical expenses<sup>(3)</sup> - number of people</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Medical expenses<sup>(3)</sup> - number of claims</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>470</b>
Appliance	~	5	~	~	0
Chiropody	~	~	~	~	~
Convalescence	5	5	5	10	5
Dental	5	15	5	15	~
Hearing aid	10	5	5	5	5
Home nursing equipment	5	5	~	5	~
Hospital travel expenses	45	40	35	55	40
House adaptation grant	10	30	20	20	20
Prescription	15	20	10	10	5
Priority treatment	40	35	55	35	45
Private treatment	10	5	20	10	25
Provision of treatment	255	225	235	220	200
Remedial treatment	115	135	130	80	80
Skilled nursing care	0	~	~	~	~
Spectacles	10	10	10	10	15
Treatment allowance (inc. loss of earnings)	35	15	25	20	20

(1) Reviews of allowances which involve rates of pay are traditionally held in the first quarter of the year.

(2) Contains widow(er)s' child allowance and child allowance only reviews.

(3) Excludes NI and Eire.

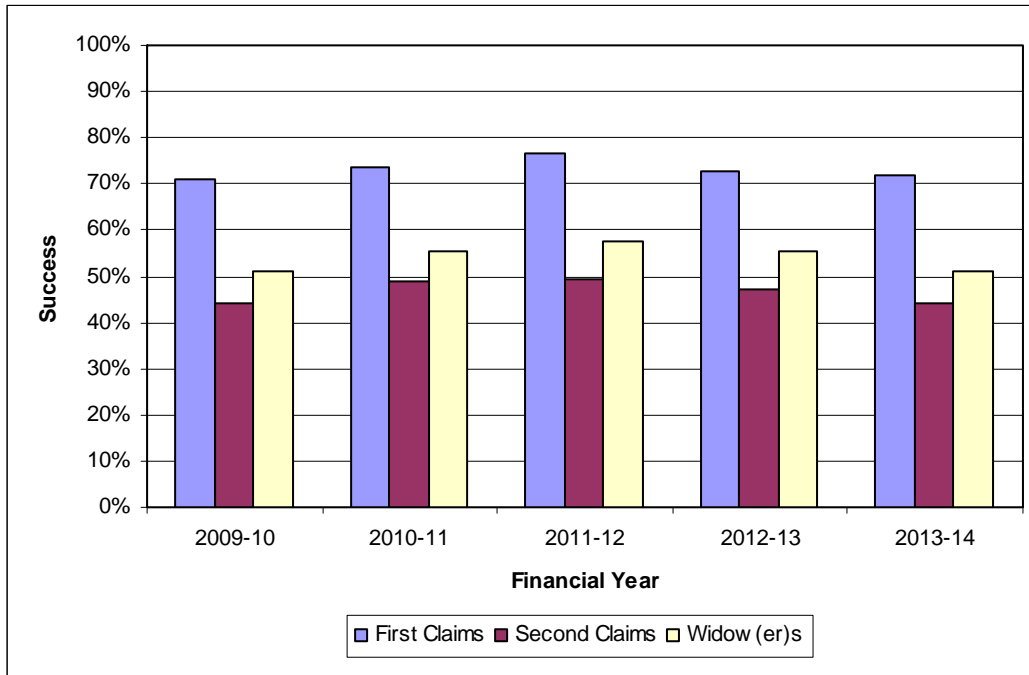
69. **Table 2.2** provides information on the outcomes of claims cleared during each of the last five financial years. Percentages are also provided for each claim outcome in **Figure 6**.
70. **Table 2.2** shows that in the financial year 2013-14, 72%<sup>r</sup> (n=4,100) of first claims resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity and 44%<sup>r</sup> (n=2,710<sup>f</sup>) of second claims resulted in an increased entitlement or new award. Second claims include claims for further conditions or deterioration of an existing condition. They also include reviews made by DBS to assess whether the level of disablement has changed since the initial assessment was made. The majority of second claims resulted in either a new award or an increased/maintained assessment. This is likely to reflect the increase in severity of some conditions with age. A small proportion (6% of second claims in 2013/14) resulted in a rejected claim or a reduced assessment.
71. **Table 2.2** also shows that 50%<sup>r</sup> (n=535) of war widow(er)s' claims resulted in an ongoing widow(er)s' pension.
72. **Table 2.2** shows that the number of first claims, second claims and war widow(er)s claims cleared in the latest year has increased considerably from previous years. This is due to a reorganisation and simplification of processes by DBS to clear a backlog of claims for both the WPS and the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS). A similar trend is apparent for cleared claims under the AFCS, which is presented in the AFCS biannual statistics, published 6 June 2014.
73. **Figure 6** shows that the success rates of first and second claims, and also war widow(er)s claims have increased between 2009-10 and 2011-12 and have decreased in the financial year 2012-13 and again in the financial year 2013-14.

**Table 2.2: Claim outcomes by financial year, 2009-10 to 2013-14, numbers and percentages**

Claim Type	Financial Year:									
	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>All First Claims - number of people</b>	<b>5,800</b>		<b>4,825</b>		<b>4,090</b>		<b>3,730</b>		<b>5,720</b>	
<b>All First Claims - number of claims</b>	<b>5,800</b>		<b>4,825</b>		<b>4,090</b>		<b>3,730</b>		<b>5,720</b>	
Awarded 20–100%	2,915	50%	1,130	23%	905	22%	890	24%	1,225	21% <sup>r</sup>
Awarded 1-19%	1,200	21%	2,425	50%	2,225	54%	1,830	49%	2,875	50% <sup>r</sup>
Awarded 0%	1,010	17%	730	15%	575	14%	705	19%	1,140	20% <sup>r</sup>
Rejections	680	12%	535	11%	380	9%	305	8%	480	8%
<b>All Second/Subsequent Claims - number of people</b>	<b>7,160</b>		<b>5,715</b>		<b>4,720</b>		<b>3,930</b>		<b>6,135</b>	
<b>All Second/Subsequent Claims - number of claims</b>	<b>7,165</b>		<b>5,720</b>		<b>4,730</b>		<b>3,930</b>		<b>6,140</b>	
Awarded 20–100%	55	<1%	30	<1%	35	<1%	40	<1%	45	1%
Awarded 1-19%	50	<1%	50	<1%	30	<1%	25	<1%	30	1%
Awarded 0%	30	<1%	35	<1%	15	<1%	35	<1%	55	1%
Increased assessments	3,060	43%	2,715	47%	2,275	48%	1,785	45%	2,635	43%
Maintained assessments	3,570	50%	2,550	45%	2,065	44%	1,800	46%	3,010	49%
Reduced assessments	60	1%	40	1%	40	1%	45	1%	80	1%
Rejections	340	5%	300	5%	260	6%	205	5%	285	5%
<b>All Widow(er)s Claims<sup>(1)</sup> - number of people</b>	<b>1,285</b>		<b>1,120</b>		<b>1,015</b>		<b>990</b>		<b>1,070</b>	<sup>r</sup>
<b>All Widow(er)s Claims<sup>(1)</sup> - number of claims</b>	<b>1,285</b>		<b>1,120</b>		<b>1,015</b>		<b>990</b>		<b>1,070</b>	<sup>r</sup>
Awards	655	51%	620	55%	585	57%	550	55%	535	50% <sup>r</sup>
Rejections	630	49%	500	45%	430	43%	440	45%	540	50% <sup>r</sup>

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

**Figure 6: Successful first claims, second claims, and widow(er)s claims by financial year, 2009-10 to 2013-14, percentages**



Source Data: Table 2.2

74. **Table 2.2a** provides the numbers of claims cleared during the last five quarters by claim type and outcome. This table shows that the largest category of claims cleared during Q4-2013/14 were first claims to pension, with a total of 1,640 claims cleared during this latest quarter. 72% of these claims (n=1,180) resulted in an ongoing war pension or gratuity.

**Table 2.2a: Claim outcomes by quarter, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers**

Claim type		Claims cleared during:				
		Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>First claims - number of people</b>		<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,460<sup>r</sup></b>	<b>1,830<sup>r</sup></b>
<b>First claims - number of claims</b>		<b>1,050</b>	<b>1,155</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,460<sup>r</sup></b>	<b>1,830<sup>r</sup></b>
Current Invaliding	<b>All</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>155<sup>r</sup></b>	<b>195</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	80	55	110	80	110
	Awarded 1-19%	45	35	60	45	50
	Awarded 0%	5	10	25	20	20
	Rejected	5	10	20	5	10
First Claim to Pension	<b>All</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1,640</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	165	150	150	205	365
	Awarded 1-19%	480	590	580	695	815
	Awarded 0%	195	230	225	280	330
	Rejected	75	75	110	120	130
<b>Second/Subsequent claims - number of people</b>		<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Second/Subsequent claims - number of claims</b>		<b>1,070</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>2,010</b>	<b>1,500</b>
Further Condition	<b>All</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>905</b>	<b>770</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	10	5	~	~	10
	Awarded 1-19%	~	5	5	10	5
	Awarded 0%	10	~	10	10	15
	Increased	230	240	255	450	380
	Maintained	180	205	215	360	295
	Reduced	5	5	5	15	15
	Rejected	40	50	55	60	50
Conditional List Review	<b>All</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	0	0	0
	Awarded 1-19%	0	0	0	0	0
	Awarded 0%	~	0	~	0	0
	Increased	10	10	15	10	5
	Maintained	60	55	50	50	35
	Reduced	~	5	~	~	0
	Rejected	~	0	~	0	0
Deterioration Claim	<b>All</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>655</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	~	10	~
	Awarded 1-19%	~	~	0	~	~
	Awarded 0%	~	~	5	10	5
	Increased	225	240	275	460	290
	Maintained	265	360	460	505	340
	Reduced	~	5	0	5	5
	Rejected	~	5	15	10	10
Departmental Review	<b>All</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>
	Awarded 20-100%	~	~	0	~	~
	Awarded 1-19%	0	0	0	~	0
	Awarded 0%	0	0	0	0	0
	Increased	~	~	~	~	~
	Maintained	10	10	20	25	20
	Reduced	~	5	~	~	~
	Rejected	~	~	10	10	5
<b>Widow(er)s Claims<sup>(1)</sup> - number of people</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>260</b>
<b>Widow(er)s Claims<sup>(1)</sup> - number of claims</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>260</b>
Awards		135	155	135	110	135
Rejections		95	155	140	120	125

(1) Figures include restored Widows; Figures do not include widow(er)s' reviews.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

75. **Table 2.3** provides the numbers of successful nil and gratuity awards during each of the last five financial years. A nil award (0% degree of disablement) will be given where the medical condition has been accepted as being due to Service but has not led to any degree of disablement. No payment is made for nil awards. A gratuity award is a single payment where war disablement has been accepted, but the disablement has been assessed at less than 20%. This table shows that during the last financial year 2013-14 a total of 4,120 nil and gratuity awards were made. The total number of nil and gratuity awards has increased from 4,015 in 2009/10 to 4,120 in 2013/14, a 2.6% increase.

**Table 2.3: Successful gratuity & nil percentage awards cleared during financial year, 2009-10 to 2013-14, numbers**

	Financial Year:				
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
<b>All Nil and Gratuity Awards - number of people</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>3,255</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>4,120</b>
<b>All Nil and Gratuity Awards - number of claims</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>4,120</b>
Nil awards	1,050	780	605	740	1,210
Gratuity awards					
1 - 5%	1,120	895	790	730 <sup>r</sup>	1,185 <sup>r</sup>
6 - 14%	1,610	1,340	1,250	1,120 <sup>r</sup>	1,720 <sup>r</sup>
15 - 19%	235 <sup>r</sup>	245 <sup>r</sup>	220 <sup>r</sup>	10 <sup>r</sup>	~ <sup>r</sup>

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

76. **Table 2.4** provides the numbers of claims for supplementary allowances that were cleared during the latest five quarters by allowance type and outcome. During Q4-2013/14 most cleared claims for supplementary allowances were for funeral expenses (n=320) and mobility supplement (n=175). For each of these allowance types respectively, 47% (n=150) and 62% (n=105) of claims had a successful outcome.

**Table 2.4: First claims to supplementary allowances cleared during quarter, by allowance type and outcome, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers <sup>(1)</sup>**

Allowance type	First awards made during:					
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14	
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of people</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>770</b>	
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>880</b> <sup>r</sup>	<b>900</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>840</b>	
Allowance for lowered standard of occupation	<b>All</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85</b>
	Awarded	55	35	45	65	50
	Rejected	40	25	45	35	35
Clothing allowance	<b>All</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
	Awarded	20	15	15	10	5
	Rejected	20	25	20	20	10
Constant attendance allowance	<b>All</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>
	Awarded	40	40	40	30	30
	Rejected	20	25	20	25	25
Exceptionally severe disablement allowance	<b>All</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>~</b>
	Awarded	10	5	10	5	~
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Severe disablement occupational allowance	<b>All</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>~</b>
	Awarded	~	0	0	0	~
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Mobility supplement	<b>All</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>175</b>
	Awarded	120	95	110	115	105
	Rejected	75	65	75	85	65
Unemployability supplement	<b>All</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>55</b>
	Awarded	40	40	45	45	40
	Rejected	15	25	10	20	15
Additional allowance spouse	<b>All</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>
	Awarded	10	5	15	10	10
	Rejected	10	15	15	10	5
Additional allowance dependant	<b>All</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
	Awarded	0	0	0	~	0
	Rejected	~	~	0	0	~
Additional allowance child	<b>All</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>
	Awarded	25	15	10	20	20
	Rejected	~	0	5	~	~
Child allowance only	<b>All</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
	Awarded	~	0	~	~	~
	Rejected	0	~	~	0	~
Widow(er)s child allowances	<b>All</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>~</b>
	Awarded	~	0	~	5	~
	Rejected	0	0	0	0	0
Widow(er)s rent allowance	<b>All</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	Awarded	5	10	5	10	5
	Rejected	0	~	0	0	~
Temporary allowance Widow(er)	<b>All</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>70</b>
	Awarded	70	75	70	60	70
	Rejected	~	~	0	~	~
Funeral expenses	<b>All</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>320</b>
	Awarded	130	165	140	120	150
	Rejected	125	200	195	160	170

<sup>(1)</sup> Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

77. There are certain allowances available under the WPS that are paid automatically to all individuals who are eligible. A claim form does not need to be submitted to receive these allowances. **Table 2.4a** provides the numbers of supplementary allowances that were automatically awarded under the scheme during the latest five quarters, by allowance type. Age allowances made up the majority of automatic allowances during Q4-2013/14 (n=340).

**Table 2.4a: First claims to supplementary allowances automatically awarded during quarter, by allowance type<sup>(1)</sup>, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers**

Allowance type	First awards made during:				
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of people</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>340</b>
<b>Supplementary allowance claims - number of claims</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>340</b>
Age – 80 addition (NI) (Disablement & Widow(er))	0	0	0	~	0
Age – disablement	240	240	195	210	245
Age – Widow(er)s	110	110	120	100	85
Comforts allowance	~	~	~	~	5
Invalidity allowance	~	5	0	~	5

*(1) Awards processed in the quarter. Entitlement may be backdated to a previous quarter.*

78. If a claimant disagrees with DBS' decision about their claim an appeal can be made to an independent tribunal, the Pensions Appeal Tribunal (PAT). This process is managed by the Ministry of Justice. Individuals have one year from the initial decision date to make an appeal. The tribunal may agree or disagree with the initial decision. Once the decision of the tribunal is received, any further appeal must be made within six weeks.

79. An individual can make an entitlement appeal if they disagree with the decision regarding their entitlement to a war pension (i.e the decision of whether an injury/illness was caused by Service prior to 6 April 2005). A Pensions Appeal Tribunal (PAT) hearing on an Entitlement Appeal may:

- decide the condition was caused or made worse by service
- decide that a condition already accepted as made worse by service was caused by it
- confirm the decision that a condition was not caused or made worse by service
- confirm the decision that a condition was made worse by service, but was not caused by service

80. An individual can make an assessment appeal if they disagree with the decision made by medical advisors about the severity level of their injury/illness (the percentage disablement). A PAT hearing on an Assessment Appeal may decide:

- to keep the assessment as it is
- to increase the assessment
- to reduce the assessment
- to change the period of award

81. **Table 2.5** provides the numbers of appeals that were cleared by DBS to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal (PAT) during each of the last five quarters by type of appeal. Of the 485 appeals cleared to the PAT during Q4-2013/14 the majority (n=310) were assessment appeals.

**Table 2.5: Appeals cleared to Pensions Appeal Tribunal for consideration during quarter, by appeal type, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers**

Appeals cleared	Appeals cleared during:				
	Q4-2012/13	Q1-2013/14	Q2-2013/14	Q3-2013/14	Q4-2013/14
<b>All Appeals Cleared - number of people</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>485</b>
<b>All Appeals Cleared - number of claims</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>550</b>
Entitlement - Disablement	115	135	105	145	160
Entitlement - Widow(er)s	15	10	15	15	15
Assessment	235	235	195	270	310
Supplementary Allowances	55	35	30	50	45
Temporary Allowances	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	10	10	10	5	20



82. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** provide information on the decisions made by the PAT for appeals cleared during the last five quarters.

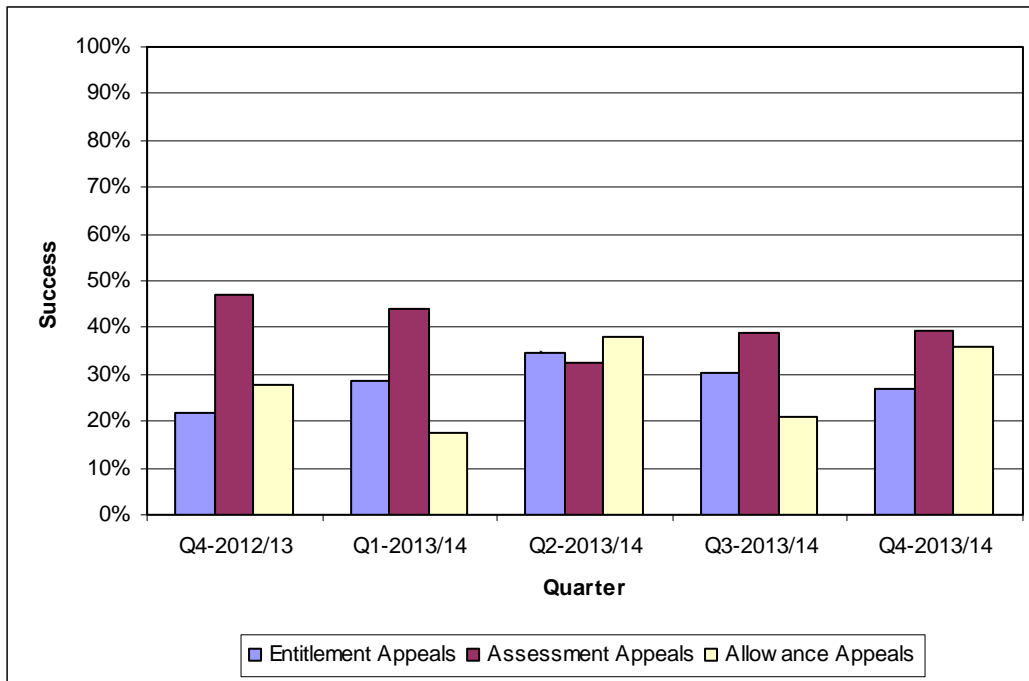
83. **Table 2.6** and **Figure 7** show that the success of appeals has varied over the last five quarters. Between Q4-2012/13 and Q4-2013/13, the percentage of successful entitlement appeals (including WWs entitlement appeals) has ranged from a high of 35% in Q2-2013/14 to a low of 22% in Q4-2012/13. During the same period, the percentage of assessment appeals resulting in an increased award ranged from a high of 47% in Q4-2012/13 to a low of 33% in Q2-2013/14. The percentage of successful allowance appeals ranged from a high of 38% in Q2-2013/14 to a low of 18% in Q1-2013/14. Please note some of these results are based on small numbers of appeals.

**Table 2.6: Pensions Appeal Tribunal decisions during quarter by appeal type, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, numbers and percentages**

	Decisions made during:									
	Q4-2012/13		Q1-2013/14		Q2-2013/14		Q3-2013/14		Q4-2013/14	
		%		%		%		%		%
<b>Entitlement Appeals - number of people</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>105</b>	
<b>Entitlement Appeals - number of claims</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>105</b>	
<u>Disablement</u>										
<b>All</b>	<b>50</b>		<b>70</b>		<b>60</b>		<b>75</b>		<b>95</b>	
Allowed	10	23%	25	34%	25	42%	25	32%	30	30%
Disallowed	35	77%	45	66%	35	58%	50	68%	65	70%
<u>Widow(er)s</u>										
<b>All</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>10</b>	
Allowed	~	17%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Disallowed	10	83%	10	100%	10	100%	5	100%	10	100%
<u>Overall</u>										
Allowed	15	22%	25	29%	25	35%	25	30%	30	27%
Disallowed	45	78%	55	71%	45	65%	55	70%	75	73%
<b>Assessment Appeals - number of people</b>	<b>110</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>100</b>		<b>135</b>		<b>145</b>	
<b>Assessment Appeals - number of claims</b>	<b>110</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>100</b>		<b>135</b>		<b>145</b>	
Increased	50	47%	55	44%	35	33%	50	39%	60	39%
Upheld	55	53%	70	56%	65	63%	80	59%	85	59%
Reduced	0	0% <sup>r</sup>	0	0% <sup>r</sup>	~	4%	~	2%	~	<1%
<b>Allowance Appeals - number of people</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>25</b>	
<b>Allowance Appeals - number of claims</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>25</b>	
Allowed	5	28%	~	18%	10	38%	~	21%	10	36%
Disallowed	15	72%	15	82%	15	62%	15	79%	15	64%

<sup>r</sup> Revised figure. See Paragraph 3 for further information.

**Figure 7: Successful entitlement appeals, assessment appeals and allowance appeals by quarter, Q4-2012/13 to Q4-2013/14, percentages**



Source Data: Table 2.6

## **Annex A - definitions of supplementary allowances**

Age Allowance - This may be paid to a war disablement pensioner (man or woman) who is aged 65 or over and whose disablement is assessed at 40% or more.

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation (ALSO) - This may be paid if a pensioner's earning capacity is reduced because their pensioned disablement permanently prevents them following their regular occupation. To gain entitlement new claimants must be under age 65, with a service disablement of at least 40% when they make their claim. This allowance plus their basic War Disablement Pension cannot exceed the 100% disablement pension rate.

Clothing Allowance (CLOT) - This may be paid if the disablement causes exceptional wear and tear on clothing.

Comforts Allowance (COMF) - This may be paid to a severely disabled pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance or Unemployability Supplement or both. It is intended to help with the extra expenses associated with severe disablement.

Constant Attendance Allowance (CAA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who needs regular personal attention because of their pensioned disablement and that disablement is assessed at 80% or more. It is payable at one of four rates. The rate varies according to the level of attendance they need.

Elderly Widow(er)'s Age Allowance - A war widow(er) may receive an additional allowance at age 65 which is increased at age 70 and again at age 80.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance (ESDA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is receiving Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, or would be receiving it if they were not in hospital.

Funeral Expenses (FE) - Funeral expenses may be paid if the pensioner died as a result of his service disablement, or died while having treatment for that disablement in hospital, or was entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance, or was at the time of his death 80% or more disabled and receiving Unemployability Supplement.

Invalidity Allowance (IVA) - This may be paid to a pensioner receiving Unemployability Supplement. The rate varies according to the age at which unemployability began.

Modified Over Age Infirm Allowance (MOIA) - Compensation/Allowances (including that paid to children living in the Irish Republic or Overseas) due to infirmity are taken into account when calculating an award of OAIA and adjustments are made if necessary. (See OAIA below)

Modified Unemployability Supplement (MSUP) - The basic conditions of eligibility to UNSUPP for a pensioner living abroad (including the Irish Republic and the Channel Islands) are the same as for the UK, however, if they become eligible for Retirement Pension or other benefit payable out of the public funds of that country then UNSUPP may be adjusted with that benefit, or paid at a nominal rate to allow continued payment of comforts allowance.

Over Age Infirm Allowance (OAIA) - Over Age Infirm Allowance for children of deceased pensioners unable to support themselves dates back to the 1914 War. The allowance can be awarded or continued beyond the normal age limits on the grounds of infirmity if the ailment is of a nature which is likely to prevent the person from earning a living either permanently or for a prolonged period and infirmity commenced before age 16. The person is still referred to as a child even though they may be quite elderly.

Rent Allowance (RENT) - A war widow(er) with a child or children may be eligible for a rent allowance.

Severe Disablement Occupational Allowance (SDOA) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is entitled to Constant Attendance Allowance at one of the two highest rates, but who still normally has a gainful occupation.

Temporary Allowance for Widow(er)s (TAW) - This may be paid to a widow(er), irrespective of the cause of their spouse's death, if he/she were awarded Unemployability Supplement or Constant Attendance Allowance or both. The allowance is approximately equal to the disablement pension and allowances paid to their late spouse. It is paid for the first 26 weeks of widowhood.

Treatment Allowance (TA) - This is equivalent to a disablement pension paid at the 100% rate. It may be paid instead of a disablement pension to a pensioner who incurs a loss of earnings as a result of receiving treatment for their pensioned disablement.

Unemployability Supplement (UNSUPP) - This may be paid to a pensioner who is unemployable or virtually unemployable as a result of the war pensioned disablement. To gain entitlement, new claimants must be under age 65, with a pensioned disablement assessed at 60% or more when they make their claim. Additional allowances may be paid for a spouse and a child or children.

War Pensioner's Mobility Supplement (WPMS) - This is intended to help with the mobility costs of a pensioner who is unable to walk, or virtually unable to walk. New claimants must have a service disablement of at least 40%. It is paid to double amputees and to those pensioners who need help getting about because they are both deaf and blind as a result of their pensioned disablement.

War widow(er)'s Special Allowance - This is a Supplementary Pension payable to "pre-1973 war widow(er)s" (the widow(er)s of Service personnel who died or left the services before 31<sup>st</sup> March 1973, and who did not benefit from the improvements made from that date to the MOD's Armed Forces Pension Scheme).