

# Freedom of Information request 154/2014

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## Information request

Please categorise and answer the following questions per annum, over a ten year period.

All questions are on the basis of a person being of pensionable age and qualify for a state pension.

1. How many pensioners actively (in writing) turned down their right to receive a state pension?
2. How many pensioners did not apply for their state pension?
3. If a pensioner did not apply for their pension, what category are they placed under by the Department?
4. How many pensioners in total did not receive any pension annually over the ten year period?
5. If a pensioner did not apply for their pension, what action is taken by the Department?
6. Does the DWP have the ultimate responsibility for forces pensions?

## DWP response

I can neither confirm nor deny that the Department holds information within the scope of your request, as to check whether we do or not would involve disproportionate costs

The Department normally invites a claim to state pension around 4 months before a person reaches State Pension age. If the person does not reply the Department takes no further action.

You also asked about forces pensions – the Service Personnel and Veteran's Agency of the Ministry of Defence is responsible for armed forces' pensions not DWP.