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Dear Mr Williams,

Ref: 39201617 – Members with pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997

Thank you for your e-mail/ letter received at the PPF on 15 December 2016. Your request has been considered as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("FoIA"). A short summary of the FoIA and your rights is included in the Appendix.

You have asked:

Can you please provide me with the following information.

- a) *Total members currently receiving pensions from the Fund.*
- b) *Number of those members with 1-10 years pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.*
- c) *Number of those members with 11-20 years pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.*
- d) *Number of those members with 21-30 years pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.*
- e) *Number of those members with 30+ years pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.*

In respect of your queries raised under the Freedom of Information Act, I set out my response below. All figures were correct at 20 December 2016.

- a) **129,961** members of the PPF were in payment. This includes pensioners and beneficiaries.
- b) **52,243** members of the PPF have 1 to 10 years of pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.
- c) **25,882** members of the PPF have 11 to 20 years of pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.
- d) **9,623** members of the PPF have 21 to 30 years of pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.
- e) **3,526** members of the PPF have more than 30 years of pensionable service prior to 5th April 1997.

(For the answers to questions b to e, if a member had more than one pensionable service prior to 5 April 1997, the total number of days of service were calculated and then divided by 365 to get the number of years. Furthermore, the lengths of pensionable service do not necessarily include any transferred in service)

I hope that the information we have provided is of use. If you have any concerns about the way in which your information request has been treated, full details of our Freedom of Information procedures can be found at:

<http://www.pensionprotectionfund.org.uk/Pages/FreedomofInformation.aspx>

Appeals are heard by a member of the PPF's senior management team who has not been involved in considering the initial request for information and a response to an appeal will be provided within 20 business days of receipt.

If, following such an appeal, you are still not satisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the FoIA 2000. There is no charge for making an appeal to the Information Commissioner. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the appeals procedure provided by a public body. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House,
Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545745
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,



Simon Blackburn
Deputy Board Secretary

Appendix

The Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 came into force on 1 January 2005. It affects all public authorities and gives you a right (unless an exemption applies) to:

- be told if information is held; and
- be given that information.

The term 'public authority' includes most public organisations and Government Departments in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland have their own Act), and includes the Board of the Pension Protection Fund.

There are a number of situations when information which a public authority holds is exempt from this requirement. In particular, information is exempt if its disclosure (otherwise than under the FoIA) by the public authority holding it:

- is prohibited by or under any enactment
- is incompatible with any community obligation, or
- would constitute or be punishable as a contempt of court.

The duty to confirm or deny whether the public authority holds information does not arise in these circumstances.