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Dear Brian Corrigan,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 13 February 2019. You asked:

*I understand that when the U.K. leaves the EU there will be no requirement for the British Government to uprate the pensions of British Pensioners residing in the EU and that any future indexing will need to be the subject of reciprocal agreements. If reciprocal agreements are necessary to uprate pensions Can you please tell me which EU countries have entered into negotiations with the UK to introduce reciprocal arrangements regarding annual increases in the state pension of pensioners residing in the twenty seven EU states after the U.K. has left the EU.*

### **DWP Response**

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Your request asks questions which would need answers to be created. However, you may find the following explanation useful. We have provided this outside our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. Interpreting any information provided is up to you.

The Government is committed to reaching an agreement on the UK's withdrawal from the EU. Under the terms of the EU Withdrawal Agreement, the UK would continue to uprate pensions to UK State Pensioners in the EU who fall within the scope of the Withdrawal Agreement. Negotiations on a future agreement on social security coordination with the EU are still ongoing and the Government has set out its intention to include uprating of State Pension in this agreement.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above.

Yours Sincerely,

Policy Group FOI Team  
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