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Dear Mr Harry Potter,

DEPUTY DISTRICT JUDGES' RETIREMENT AGE INCREASE

Thank you for your email of 9 November, in which you asked us to confirm the date the retirement age for Deputy District Judges was increased from 65 to 70.

The decision to increase the retirement age for Deputy District Judges from 65 to 70 was taken in February 2008, following the judgment in *Hampton v the Lord Chancellor and the Ministry of Justice* (I attach a copy for your information).

As stated previously, the page which you referred to in your initial enquiry is the responsibility of the Judiciary of England and Wales and not the responsibility of the Ministry of Justice. It reflected the former Terms & Conditions which specified the previous retirement age of 65, but it has now been updated by the Judicial Office.

Yours sincerely,

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