

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: VTR1316

7/4/14

Dear C Thompson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received 23 March 2014. You asked;

Can you please let me have copies of any correspondence you have between HM Treasury and yourselves regarding the GMP increases that are currently in effect provided through the "Additional Pension" not being paid after 5 April 2016 as the new single-tier model does not provide a facility for the GMP increases currently in effect provided through the Additional Pension.

There was correspondence with HMT regarding the GMP increases that are currently in effect provided through the "Additional Pension" not being paid after 5 April 2016. However, we do not believe that we are required to disclose these exchanges. Section 35 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 exempts information relating to the formulation of Government policy from disclosure. Section 42 of the same Act also exempts the correspondence, as it involved communicating confidential information between the legal advisers of the two Departments. The Act exempts legal confidential communications from disclosure on the grounds of "legal profession privilege".

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

If you are not happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol Team, Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1H 9NA. Any review request should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Generally the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk