

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR IR188

9/4/14

Dear C Thompson,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 7/4/14. You asked for:-

*Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.*

*I am writing to request an internal review of Department for Work and Pensions's handling of my FOI request 'Discussions with HM Treasury regarding the GMP increases that are currently in effect provided through Additional Pension not being provided under new single-tier pension model'.*

*I think they should be able to give the information as it is vital that the public know that the information they are being given is accurate and that important information is not being withheld because it embarrasses the Government if it became known that people in public service are being given special privileges regarding cost of living increases on GMPs normally paid by DWP with the Additional State Pension.*

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You can expect a reply by 8/5/14 unless I need to come back to you to clarify your request or the balance of the public interest test needs to be considered.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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#### **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](mailto: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](http://www.ico.gov.uk)