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Dear Pauline Budd,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FoI) request received on 30 April. You wrote:

"I have again read that many impact assessments were made in relation to the impact on women prior to increasing state pension age (twice). I would like to read these assessments, where can I find them? Can you provide me with copies? You cannot keep saying that impact assessments were made without providing the evidence and allowing us to read them."

DWP Response

We confirm that we hold the recorded information to answer your request.

In answer to your main question, multiple assessments were undertaken on the impact on both men and women.

The 2006 impact assessment 'The Gender Impact of Pension Reform' considered a wide range of reforms to both state and private pension systems, including proposed State Pension age changes, and can be found here:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20111115164646/http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/genderimpactassessment.pdf>

The 2007 Regulatory Impact Assessment can be found here:

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20121204130650/http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/pensions-bill-ria.pdf>

The Pensions Act 2011 Impact Assessment can be found here:

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pensions-act-2011-impact-assessment>

The Pensions Act 2014 Impact Assessment can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pensions-act-2014-impact-assessments-may-2014>

We do not hold any recorded information of an impact assessment of the effects on women of the State Pension Age that informed the rises of 1995. However, you may find the following explanation useful. We have provided this outside our obligations under the FoI Act.

The White Paper 'Equality in State Pension Age' 1993 does contain some consideration of impacts. The document can be found here <http://gna.files.parliament.uk/gna-attachments/1084399/original/Equality%20in%20State%20Pension%20age%201993.pdf>

You can find further information in Green Papers, which are consultation documents, and White Papers which are the Government response, by searching for each one either at <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/publications/government/> or www.gov.uk. The Green Papers were published and anyone, including members of the public, could comment on them.

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

Yours sincerely,

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