

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: FOI2019/38862

30 October 2019

Dear Joyce Tagell,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) request received on 22 October. You asked:

*Please provide annual figures from April 2016 of the number of women, by ethnicity, awarded a State Pension, which is based on a history of paying a “married women’s” national insurance stamp...( as provided for in the 2014 Pension Act). These women would not be eligible to receive the “new” SP as any full rate NI contributions amount to less than 10 years Additionally please indicate the annual number of these women who have had a different eligibility date for SP (due to their husband’s eligibility date for SP ) compared to women with 10 or more years full rate NI contributions.*

*How many women by ethnic origin annually from 2016 receive the full new state pension where they have over 10 -16 years of NI credits for Home Responsibilities?*

**DWP Response:**

The Freedom of Information Act gives you a legal right of access to any recorded information held by a public authority. We do not have to provide opinions or explanations, generate answers to questions, or create or obtain information we do not hold.

The DWP does not hold data on the ethnicity of State Pension recipients and so we are unable to answer your request. As the information you seek is not held by the Department we will not be processing your request further.

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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@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:freedom-of-information-request@dwp.gov.uk) or by writing to DWP, Central FoI 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  
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