



Letter to men who asked for government information about pennions

**April 2004** 

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You told us in a recent survey that you were interested in receiving information about pensions, so we've enclosed *A guide to your pension options*, the first in a series of free, impartial guides produced by the government.

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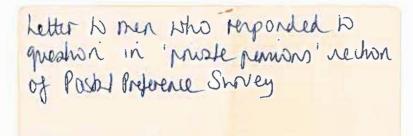
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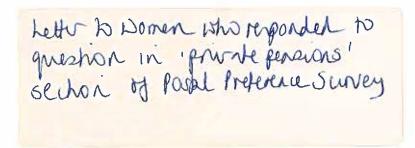
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