

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR IR292

DATE: 8 July 2014

Dear Mr Morley,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (Fol) internal review request received on 15 June 2014. You asked that the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs be approached for his views on the compatibility of DWP policy of indexation of the State Pension to pensioners living in Commonwealth countries with the Commonwealth Charter.

In response to your request, I can confirm that the handling of your original request and response has now been appropriately reviewed by someone unconnected with the handling of your original request.

As a result of this review I am satisfied that the original response was handled properly and that the outcome of your request was correct. The reasoning behind this decision is that requests for the Department to provide opinions or explanations do not fall into the scope of the Freedom of Information legislation.

If you would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, please refer it to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Their contact details are as follows:

Address:

King Charles Street
London
SW1A 2AH

Email:

fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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.org.uk/Global/contact_us or telephone 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745