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Our ref FOI 1214/11

Your ref

Dear Mr Parmenter

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I refer to your request under the above legislation for the following information:

"Taxation was on an entitlement basis until 1989 when the system was changed to a receipts basis except for State Pensions and Social Security Benefits. A note sent to the Financial Secretary to justify the 'status quo' in the latter case included 'moving to a receipts basis would be (very costly) in resource terms without making any significant difference, over the whole period of entitlement, to the actual liability.' The note also suggested 'it may be necessary to take the opportunity to put the matter of the present basis of assessment beyond doubt.' If reference is made to the Pension Service leaflet BR2189 it states that the first payment (in the new Financial Year) could be made up of up to 3 weeks at the old amount and 1 week at the new amount if paid every 4 weeks, and 11 weeks at the old amount and 2 weeks at the new amount. Substituting my 2009 pension this gives losses of £26-64 and £97-68 respectively. Are these amounts considered to be within acceptable parameters as the cycles are 20 plus years and over 70 years for the 13 week method?"

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that HMRC does not hold the information you requested.

If you are not happy with this reply you may request a review by writing to HMRC FOI Team, Room 1C/25, 100 Parliament Street London SW1A 2BQ or email

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Yours sincerely

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