

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

e-mail: freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk

Our Ref: Fol 917

DATE: 21 March 2017

Dear Trudy Baddams,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 7 March 2017. You asked:

What happened to all our Graduated Pension contributions?

DWP Response:

If you reach State Pension age on or after 6 April 2016 any Graduated Retirement Benefit you have has been included in your new State Pension Starting Amount. Information about how your Starting Amount is calculated can be found at this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/new-state-pension/how-its-calculated>

If you reached State Pension age before 6 April 2016 your Graduated Retirement Benefit is automatically paid with your state pension amount.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me 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 happy with this response you may request an internal review by e-mailing freedom-of-information-request@dwpgsi.gov.uk or by writing to DWP, Central Fol 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 www.ico.gov.uk