

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 3902

DATE: 5 October 2015

Dear Ms Phillips,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request of 15th September. You asked:

1. Please detail the total number of women affected by the increase to State Pension age as a result of changes made in the 1995 Pension Act, in total.
2. Please detail the total number of those same women affected by the 1995 Pension Act who were personally notified by letter in 1995, or whenever they were personally notified of the 1995 changes to their SPA by letter and a copy of said letter.
3. Please detail total number of women affected by the second increase to SPA in the 2011 Pension Act .
4. also detail a separate total figure for those personally notified by letter in 2011 of these changes. If not notified in 2011 when and how many notified, and a copy of the letter they were sent.
5. Please detail the number of women affected by the increase of their SPA to 66 between 2018 and 2020.
6. Please detail when this was announced and how many of these women were personally notified by letter., a copy also of this letter please.
7. PLease detail the number of men affected by the increase to their SPA to 66 between 2018 and 2020 and how many were personally notified by letter.also a copy of said letter

The number of women affected by the 1995 Act

The 1995 Act impacts on all women born from 6th April 1950 to 5th April 1953. Those born after this date fall under subsequent State Pension age legislation. Details of the numbers affected can be found via the ONS website:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/npp/national-population-projections/2012-based-projections/rft-table-a3-1-principal-projection---uk-population-single-year-of-age.xls>

Note that women born in the 1950-'53 would be aged 63 to 66 in 2016. Note that some of those aged 66 in 2018 will not have been affected, due to the timetabling of the 1995 change. Therefore the total number affected will be slightly lower than the total number of women aged 63 to 66 in 2016.

Communication to those affected by the 1995 Act

Letters were sent out in the following waves.

Customer's age	Mailing Date	Approx. Volumes
06/04/50 – 05/07/50	April 2009	99985
06/07/50 – 05/10/50	Jul 2009	96356
06/10/50 – 05/04/51	Oct 2009	191465
06/04/51 – 05/10/51	Jan 2010	196189
06/10/51 – 05/04/52	Apr 2010	188515
06/04/52 – 05/10/52	Feb 2011	196594
06/10/52 – 05/04/53	Mar 2011	191665

A copy of the letter sent out (March 2011) is attached.

The number of women affected by the 2011 Act

This information is publicly available. See page 9 of Annex A of the Impact Assessment.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/181462/pension-s-bill-2011-ia-annexa.pdf

This also includes details of the men affected by the faster rise to 66.

Communication to those affected by the 2011 Act

Letters were sent out in the following waves.

Customer's age	Mailing Date	Approx. Volumes
06/04/53 – 05/12/53	Jan 2012	207000
06/12/53 – 05/10/54 (men and women affected)	Feb 2012	485000
06/10/54 – 05/04/55 (men and women affected)	Feb 2012	376000
6/4/55 – 5/4/1960 (men and women affected)	Oct 2012 – Nov 2013	Approx. 4.6m

We have attached the letters sent to the following age bands:

Letter 2a: 6/4/53 – 5/12/53
Letter 2b: 6/12/53 – 5/10/54
Letter 2c: 6/10/54 – 5/4/55
Letter 3: 6/4/55 – 5/4/1960

Questions 5, 6 and 7, regarding the 2011 Act, which accelerated the rise to 66, have already been addressed in the information above.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Strategy Fol Team

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