



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

27<sup>th</sup> October 2020

*Dear Constance,*

**RE: STATE PENSIONS OVERSEAS**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding the payment of the State Pension overseas; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

The UK State Pension is payable worldwide and is uprated abroad where there is a legal requirement to do so. In most overseas countries, however, there is no agreement with the UK for securing the social security rights of people moving between the two countries. As a result, pensioners who move to these countries still receive the State Pension, but do not have their payments uprated as UK residents do. The Department for Work & Pensions endeavours to make this clear to those thinking of moving abroad and publishes guidance on its website.

Under the terms of the *Withdrawal Agreement*, those receiving the State Pension living in the EEA or Switzerland by the 31st December 2020 will have their State Pension increased annually, as long as they continue living there. I welcome that State Pensions will be up-rated in the EU even if claimed on, or after, the 1st January 2021, as long as the pensioners meet the UK State Pension qualifying conditions and are in the scope of the *Withdrawal Agreement*.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

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