



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constance,*

**RE: STATE PENSION FOR PEOPLE LIVING OVERSEAS**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of increases in the State Pension for those living abroad; your comments upon which I have read with interest.

The UK State Pension is payable worldwide and is uprated abroad where there is a legal requirement to do so. However, in most overseas countries 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.

Although the current policy on the State Pension overseas is the long-standing and unchanged position of successive Governments, I am aware of the report which the APPG on Frozen British Pensions has produced and will read its findings and recommendations. I appreciate that this is not what you wanted to hear, but I hope this helps explain why the situation is as it is.

Additionally, I am aware that the Department for Work & Pensions recently received representations from the Canadian Government on the question of a reciprocal social security agreement covering the uprating of pensions. I will continue to speak with ministerial colleagues as this issue develops.

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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