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Waspi 'welcome' Labour plan

CAMPAIGNERS against sudden changes to the State Pension age have welcomed a proposed £58bn borrowing plan from the Labour Party to address 'financial injustice'.

The spending plan would benefit women born in the 1950s who have long lobbied against a rise in the State Pension age made without 'fair notice'.

As many as 3.8m women have been affected by the changes, including about 9,000 in Portsmouth, 6,400 in Fareham, 6,100 in Gosport and 6,400 in Havant, campaigners say.

Shelagh Simmons, coordinator of Solent Waspi (Woman Against State Pension Inequality), said: 'This is the first tangible offer from any party and we warmly welcome it. We await the detail with interest and urge the party to develop a clear framework which outlines how and when this would be implemented. Waspi looks forward

to engaging with Labour to design this system of compensation and ensure that we achieve the best and fairest outcome for all 1950s-born women at the earliest opportunity. We are very grateful to Stephen Morgan, who has actively supported our campaign both as Portsmouth South MP and now as Labour candidate for the constituency.'

Some local election candidates have signed a pledge to support Waspi women.

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The Express continue coverage of the WASPI issue, and in advance of the Budget quote the Campaign here: https://www.express.co.uk/.../pension-reveals-funding-qaps-wo...

...One of these groups has become very well known in the UK, the WASPI organisation. WASPI have been pushing for pension equality for years now, mainly in relation to state pension changes which they deem to be unfair.

With the upcoming budget, they will be keeping an eye on any changes that the government introduces. As a spokesperson from WASPI detailed: "WASPI women across the country will be wanting to see fair transitional arrangements for 1950s born women announced in the budget. This cohort of women have been penalised by the sharp increase in the State Pension age and have suffered huge financial losses due to the lack of adequate notice.

The pension pay gap is especially devastating for 1950s born who also suffered from and fought against the gender pay gap when they were working. Whilst the State Pension age may have been equalised for men and women, pension incomes have not.

WASPI has always been supportive of the equalisation of the State Pension age and the crux of our campaign is that these changes were not communicated to 1950s born women effectively. "While action to reduce the pensions pay gap and the

gender pay gap are extremely welcome, for WASPI women, these reforms are too late.

A bridging pension for all women affected by changes to the State Pension age is the only solution to this ongoing issue which has had a devastating impact on so many women's lives as well as their families."

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I WAS made redundant last week as a direct result of coronavirus.

I have been an entertainment agent for 41 years and worked for a company who provided guest entertainers for cruise ships, holiday parks, weddings and charity balls. All our work for the foreseeable future has been cancelled.

I am 64, part of the group of women who have to wait until we are 66 to receive our state pension. With little hope of getting a job, even when business returns to normal, I call on the Government to change the pensions rules.

TRACY JACOBS, Lightwater, Surrey.

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