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SUCCESS FOR THE WASPI CAMPAIGN AS THE PARLIAMENTARY AND HEALTH SERVICE OMBUDSMAN FINDS MALADMINISTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

WASPI CALLS ON THE GOVERNMENT TO APPROPRIATELY COMPENSATE WOMEN AFFECTED FOR THEIR FINANCIAL LOSS

Since 2016 The WASPI Campaign (Women Against State Pension Inequality) have pursued complaints of maladministration to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). In July 2021 the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) found that the DWP failed to adequately inform women about the increases to their State Pension age of up to six years.

The Report also revealed that the DWP and the Government not only knew their communications were inadequate but that they refused to do anything about it. The Ombudsman will now move to investigate if the DWP's maladministration caused injustice.

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The WASPI Campaign is **vindicated** in its claims that 1950s women were **not adequately informed** about changes to their State Pension Age.

The PHSO has found that the DWP “failed to make reasonable decisions based on the evidence available to it, and failed to communicate with the women affected with enough urgency”, resulting in

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MALADMINISTRATION

What effect has this had on 1950s born women?



Women have been both impoverished and disempowered by the Government's failure to properly inform them of dramatic changes to their State Pension age. The lack of notice gave them no time to make alternative arrangements. It takes a lifetime of work to prepare for retirement. Women made significant decisions about theirs based on what they had always known, that they would retire at 60.

Women who were robbed of the opportunity to save for their revised retirement are once again disadvantaged during COVID, because they are more likely to be employed in sectors closed down. Part time work and the gig economy have been hugely impacted by the pandemic.

The PHSO's report makes it very clear that opportunities to properly inform women were

wasted, when the Government's own research showed that women were not sufficiently aware of the changes. It was a financial disaster for women born in the 1950s. Women have a huge hole, of tens of thousands of pounds, in their "pension pot". The Government must address this urgently.

WASPI is not seeking the return of State Pensions lost. We are not opposed to equalisation of the State Pension age. Nor are we asking for the State Pension age to revert to 60.

We are asking for fair and fast compensation

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