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Dear Delyth Jewell

Thank you for your written question of 20 May 2024, which read as follows:

Further to the Counsel General's answer in Plenary on 6 March 2024, will he publish the UK Government's latest reply to the Welsh Government regarding concerns from women in Wales born in the 1950s whose state pension age was raised without effective notification by the Pensions Acts 1995 and 2011? (WQ92937)

Welsh Government has publicly and consistently declared its support for the women born in the 1950s who had their state pension age increased with insufficient and ineffective notification.

The most recent correspondence on this issue has been with the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. The most recent response from PHSO was on 5 October 2023 and is attached below. Since then, they have published their findings which can be found [here](#).

We will continue to monitor developments and make appropriate representations to the UK Government to ensure these women now have a fair and just outcome for the suffering they have experienced due to changes they often knew nothing about.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

From the Chief Executive Officer **Rebecca Hilsenrath**

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the Constitution
Jane Hutt AS/MS, Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip



Sent by email

5 October 2023

Dear Mr Antoniw and Ms Hutt,

Thank you for your letter sent on 28 September. [REDACTED] has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I entirely understand the frustration felt by you, other members of the Senedd and, above all, the affected women in terms of how long the investigation is taking. I am also very much aware of the circumstances that you describe which impact many of the individuals involved.

As you are aware, as a result of the legal challenge brought against us earlier this year, we agreed to look again at part of our stage two report. Whilst this reconsideration is ongoing, as we are required by law to investigate in private, we are not able to provide any further comment or update. However, we remain committed to concluding the investigation as quickly and efficiently as possible. We are reviewing all relevant evidence to ensure that our findings are robust. As part of our process, we will be sharing our provisional views with complainants before we issue our final report. The final report will be shared on [our website](#) as soon as we are able to do so.

I appreciate that you acknowledge the considerable time and effort already devoted to the investigation. You have asked me to make it a priority going forward and to ensure that it is provided with sufficient resource, and I assure you that this is the case.

With very best wishes,



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