



Work and Pensions Committee

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Dear Guy

Thank you very much for attending to give evidence on 6th July to the Committee's inquiry on Saving for Later Life.

We would be most grateful if you could follow up in writing on the following issues:

- Your estimate of the extent of under saving for retirement ([Q277](#)), whether you think it is acceptable and, if not, the level to which you would like to see it reduced;
- In [letter of 1 July](#) about auto-enrolment and the gig economy, Charles Counsell said that TPR did not think the legal position of workers was clear. Have you considered using the power in [section 98](#) of the *Pensions Act 2008* to clarify the definition of worker for auto-enrolment purposes?
- Your assessment of the impact on State Pension entitlement of the decline in Child Benefit claims since the introduction of the high-income Child Benefit charge in 2013; and what options you have considered to enable National Insurance credits awarded where an individual was eligible for Child Benefit but not receiving it ([Q318](#));
- Your estimate of the gender pensions gap and your plans to collect and publish data routinely so that it can be monitored; ([Q319](#)) and
- What data you have on the extent of pension sharing on divorce and any work underway to increase the number of divorces in which pensions are shared.

We would be grateful for a response by Wednesday 31st August.

Kind regards

Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Chair, Work and Pensions Committee