



**Public Administration
and Constitutional Affairs
Committee**

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Government's response to Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman Report into communication of state pension age changes.

On 25th March 2024, you gave a statement to the House of Commons following the publication of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's report into the communication of state pension age changes to women born in the 1950s.

In the statement, you committed to providing a further update to the House of Commons once the Government has considered the PHSO report's findings and said that it will continue to engage fully and constructively with Parliament. You also said that the Government "will not unduly delay our response".

The Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee has within its remit a responsibility to scrutinise the work of the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. This includes following up on reports that the PHSO lay before the House of Commons. Therefore, we ask that you write to update us about the timetable for the publication of your response to the PHSO's report, and when you intend to update Parliament on the statement you made on 25th March. Such a timetable would provide reassurance and clarity to the Committee and to the PHSO.

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