



Work and Pensions Committee

House of Commons | London | SW1A 0AA

Tel 020 7219 5831 Email workpencom@parliament.uk Website www.parliament.uk/workpencom

John Glen
Economic Secretary to the Treasury
HM Treasury

From the Chair

9 February 2022

Dear John,

The Work and Pensions Committee recently launched the third and final part of its inquiry into the pensions freedoms, which will examine saving for later life. We are looking at what more needs to be done to help people plan and save for retirement. We were very grateful for your contribution to the second part of our inquiry.

The Committee has asked me to write to you because our inquiry covers areas in which the Treasury will have an interest, including the 2017 automatic enrolment review in which DWP set out measures to increase pension contributions—intended to be implemented in the mid-2020s. As we near the mid-2020s it is still unclear when and how those measures will be introduced.

We are also interested in the gender pensions gap, pensions for the self-employed and pensions for gig economy workers. Finally, there are Treasury-specific issues including tax relief for low earners in 'net pay' arrangements, the normal minimum pension age and the pensions freedoms themselves which undoubtedly affect how people save for later life.

The Committee would therefore like to request that the Treasury submits written evidence to our inquiry, so that we have a full understanding of the Government's approach to these issues. We would be grateful for this no later than 15 March.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Chair