**WASPI’s letter to the Telegraph November 30th 2023**

Sir Steve Webb’s assertion that compensation for the neglect of 1950s women by the Department for Work and Pensions is “unlikely” (report, telegraph.co.uk, November 24) flies in the face of the parliamentary support our campaign has won over the years.

MPs of all parties back the fight by Women Against State Pension Inequality (Waspi) for fair and fast compensation, with more than 160 having written to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) on our behalf in recent months.

For four years, ministers have ducked behind the PHSO, saying they cannot comment while it investigates.  Once it is concluded, that excuse will be expunged and candidates who go into the general election without a commitment to compensation are unlikely to secure votes from the 3.6m women affected.

At every turn, we’ve faced negativity and defeatism from so-called experts.  But we continue to succeed in our battle. After all, the Ombudsman has already agreed with us publicly that maladministration took place.  Now the political parties will be under huge pressure to agree a proper remedy. We have no intention of letting them get away with anything less.

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