**Letter for WASPI women to send to Labour MPs**

* ***Please only send the below email to your MP if they represent the Labour Party***
* *You can find out who your local MP is by Google searching “Find my MP” or by copying this link into your browser:* [*https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP*](https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP)
* *You may wish to vary the contents of the letter to include your own experiences*
* *Remember to include your full name, telephone number and postal address at the end.*

Dear [YOUR MP’s NAME HERE],

As you will know, thousands of 1950s-born women across [YOUR CONSTITUENCY NAME HERE] were adversely affected by the DWP’s failure to communicate rises to the State Pension age. Many, including me, found out about the change too late to alter their retirement plans and have suffered serious hardship ever since.

I’m contacting you as a constituent, and on behalf of the WASPI campaign, to ask if you will write to Keir Starmer as Labour leader on this matter, ahead of the release of the Parliamentary Ombudsman’s final report, which is due within weeks.

There is a real opportunity for Labour to set the agenda on this issue with a general election possible within months, and in the absence of any commitments from Conservative ministers.

The need to act quickly is mandated by [one affected woman dying every 13 minutes](https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/a-waspi-woman-dies-every-31861986). Meanwhile, thousands in your constituency, now in or approaching their seventies, are in financial straits as a result of the mistakes made at DWP. WASPI surveys show that one-in-three 1950s-born women is now in debt.

As it stands, Labour’s [position](https://labourlist.org/2023/10/labour-national-policy-forum-final-document-summary-policy-manifesto-party-conference/) is that it will continue ‘respectfully engaging’ with 1950s women. But a clear political commitment to fair and fast compensation is an urgent matter, ahead of the release of the Parliamentary Ombudsman’s report in the first quarter of 2024.

While more than 160 cross-party MPs wrote to the Parliamentary Ombudsman during 2023 to express concern over the five-year long process, the final weeks of the investigation are critical. It is a matter of fairness and justice that Labour should commit to fair and fast compensation.

**Would you be prepared to write to Keir Starmer as Leader of the Labour Party, urging him make a clear political commitment to fair and fast compensation for WASPI women?**

WASPI campaigners and Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, as the APPG Co-Chair, will be holding a **confidential briefing session for Labour MPs from 12:45-13:45 on Tuesday 20th February 2024 in Room Q, Portcullis House**, and would be delighted if you could attend. Your office should have received an invite directly but please send an RVSP to campaign@waspi.co.uk if you’re able to join them.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

[Please include your full name, postal address and telephone number to prove you are a constituent]