



Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI)

Autumn 2024 Campaign Briefing

Latest update

A landmark Parliamentary Ombudsman report in March 2024 told the Government to **pay compensation and apologise** to 3.6 million women born in the 1950s who were affected by the **lack of communication** in relation to increases in their State Pension age.

The report concluded ministers **failed to properly notify those impacted** of the changes. However, the DWP has indicated it does not accept the findings of the report.

MPs have been instructed to **ensure justice is promptly delivered** and the cross-party Work and Pensions Select Committee echoed these clear recommendations in May 2024. Today, WASPI continues to call for:

- All MPs to support the urgent delivery of **fair and fast compensation** to all those affected
- **Compensation scheme proposals** to be brought before MPs to vote on **as quickly as possible**

Background

The 1995 and 2011 Pension Acts saw the State Pension age for women rise from 60 to 66. Equalising men's and women's retirement age was of course the right thing to do. However, the way the changes were made were not.

The Department for Work and Pensions **did not properly communicate** the changes and **tens of thousands of women were plunged into poverty** as a result. WASPI's research shows one-in-four have struggled to buy food and one-third have fallen into debt.

The worst affected women received just **18 months' notice of a six-year increase** to their State Pension age.

About WASPI

Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) calls for **fair and fast compensation** for the financial and emotional hardship caused by DWP failures. WASPI argues for a **higher level of compensation for the worst affected**, i.e. women who had the shortest notice of the longest increase to their State Pension age.



YES – Fair and fast compensation for proven DWP maladministration



NO – Reversing the pension age to 60; or paying 'lost pensions'

Why a resolution is urgent

Some **300,000 WASPI women have tragically died** since the campaign began in 2015. Another dies every 13 minutes.

68 per cent of Brits back compensation and WASPI enjoys **overwhelming support** from hundreds of MPs, across all parties in Parliament. WASPI is calling on all MPs to support the delivery of **fair compensation to all those impacted as soon as possible**.

Despite record levels of support from MPs, **only the government of the day has the power to put things right**. Time is running out for ministers to act.

There is no more time for dither or delay – **fair and fast compensation NOW!**

WE NEED YOUR HELP

- **Become a member** of WASPI and join your local group
- **Ask your local MP** to commit to supporting fair and fast compensation for WASPI women
- **Submit a motion** in support of the campaign via your local councillors, constituency association or trade union branch
- **Tell your friends** about the campaign, follow us on Facebook and X

**WASPI is happy to help with any of the above actions.
Thank you for your support!**

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