



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

AC-2025-LON-000811

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BETWEEN

THE KING
on the application of
WOMEN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY LIMITED

Claimant

-and-

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS

Defendant

-and-

PARLIAMENTARY AND HEALTH SERVICE OMBUDSMAN AND OTHERS

Interested Parties

ORDER

UPON the Defendant announcing on 11 November 2025 that he intends to retake the 17 December 2024 decision set out in the Government's response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's Investigation into Women's State Pension age and associated issues, as it relates to the Government's communications about changes to State Pension age, thus effectively agreeing to withdraw the decision challenged in these proceedings without the intervention of the Court;

AND UPON the Defendant confirming that, when reconsidering he will approach all aspects of the decision with a fresh and open mind including whether and to what extent to rely upon any survey;

AND UPON the Defendant agreeing to use his best endeavours to take and communicate a new decision in response to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman's Investigation within three months of the date of this order;

AND UPON the Defendant agreeing to pay £180,000 towards the Claimant's legal costs, in full and final settlement of the Claimant's costs in these proceedings, within 21 days of this order;

AND UPON the Claimant agreeing to withdraw the present claim in the light of the Defendant's agreements described above;

AND UPON the agreement of the parties

BY CONSENT, IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The Claimant's claim is withdrawn.

Dated 2 December 2025

Signed:

For the Claimant:

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John Halford, Partner

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For the Defendant:

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