



Letter for WASPI women to send to Labour MPs

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- *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 in our area, including me, found out about the change too late to alter their retirement plans and have been affected by this lack of notice ever since.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has found the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to have committed maladministration through its failure to adequately communicate State Pension age increases to women born in the 1950s. The PHSO has concluded the DWP should apologise to women affected and pay compensation as a result.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that “the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread. The APPG believes that the case for category 6 injustice (£10,000) is overwhelming and clear. Women have had their emotional, physical, and mental circumstances totally obliterated by a lack of reasonable notice.”

There is a real opportunity for Labour to set the agenda ahead of the next election, and in the absence of any commitments from the Conservative frontbench. As a Campaign we have always enjoyed considerable support from Labour MPs in working to secure compensation for WASPI. The need to act quickly is underpinned by the sad fact that [one affected WASPI woman dies every 13 minutes](#).

As it stands, Keir Starmer says the party will “respectfully engage” with the campaign and the Shadow DWP Minister has said that she will wait for the Government to make an announcement before stating Labour's position. But a clear political commitment to fair and fast compensation is an urgent matter, ahead of an upcoming general election. As research shows some 60 per cent of WASPI women are undecided on who to vote for, a manifesto commitment from the party could help to sway millions of votes.

With more than 160 MPs across party lines writing to the Parliamentary Ombudsman during 2023 to express concern over the five-year long process, 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 to make a clear political commitment to fair and fast compensation for WASPI?

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 show you are a constituent]