

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION COMMITTEE

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On the 10th March 2011 Lord Hutton published his final recommendations on the future long-term structural reforms of public sector pensions. One of the findings in his report highlighted a lack of consistency in the type of scheme data available and a real difficulty in accessing it. The report emphasised that this lack of transparency made it very difficult for meaningful comparisons to be made between the different public sector pension schemes. The report also recommended that all public service pension schemes should regularly publish data which, as far as possible, was produced to common standards and methodologies and was collated centrally.

DCLG was already moving towards providing more accurate, robust and up to date scheme data for both the FPS and NFPS and has committed to the collection, collation, and publication of certain core scheme data. Arrangements have been put in place so that FRAs can submit the required data via the Department's online data collection system, LOGASnet. The scheme data collected will then be validated by colleagues in DCLG's Data & Analysis team before being published.

This data has been collected by DCLG in previous years and will not add additional burdens on FRAs. The following data will be collected and validated on an annual basis:

Pension Fund Income Streams

- Total Employer/employee contributions
- Total Transfer In payments
- Other Miscellaneous Income e.g. Ill-health charges etc.

Pension Fund Expenditure Streams

- Total annual pension expenditure
- Total commutation payments
- Total Transfer Out payments
- Other Miscellaneous expenditure e.g. Lifetime Allowance Charge etc.

Numbers of FPS/NFPS pensioner/deferred members

- Total number of FPS pensioners at year start
- Total number of FPS normal retirements in year
- Total number of FPS deferred pensions in year

- Total number of NFPS pensioners at year start
- Total number of NFPS normal retirements in year

- Total number of NFPS deferred pensions in year

Numbers of FPS/NFPS Membership

- Total number of FPS members at year start
- Total number of FPS optant-outs at year start
- Total number of FPS optant-outs during the year

- Total number of NFPS members (excluding RDS) at year start
- Total number of NFPS optant-outs (excluding RDS) at year start
- Total number of NFPS optant-outs (excluding RDS) during the year

RDS members in the NFPS

- Total number of RDS members at year start
- Total number of RDS optant-outs at year start
- Total number of RDS optant-outs during the year

Transfers In

- Total number of transfers into the FPS/NFPS from external pension schemes in year
- Total number of Club transfers into the FPS/NFPS from other pension schemes in year
- Total number of other transfers into the FPS/NFPS from other pension schemes in year

Transfers Out

- Total number of transfers out of the FPS/NFPS to external pension schemes in year
- Total number of Club transfers out of the FPS/NFPS to other pension schemes in year
- Total number of other transfers out of the FPS/NFPS to other pension schemes in year

FPS/NFPS Ill-Health Retirements

- Total number of FPS ill-health retirements in year
- Total number of FPS lower tier ill-health retirements in year
- Total number of FPS higher tier ill-health retirements in year

- Total number of NFPS ill-health retirements in year
- Total number of NFPS lower tier ill-health retirements in year
- Total number of NFPS higher tier ill-health retirements in year

The Committee is invited to note.

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