

APPG STATE PENSION INEQUALITY FOR WOMEN

AGM & Short Regular Meeting – 17 November 2025 – **approved 25 Feb 2026**

Date: 17 November 2025

Location: Online (open to MPs, Lords and their staff)

Attendance

Rebecca Long-Bailey MP; Lord Bryn Davies; Sir Julian Lewis MP; Mary Glendon MP; Douglas McAllister MP; Julia Buckley MP; Lorraine Beavers MP; Euan Stainbank MP; Michelle Scroggham MP; Office of David Smith

Apologies received: Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, Kim Johnson MP, Kirsteen Sullivan MP, Ian Byrne MP, Ruth Jones MP

Agenda

- **AGM business:**
- Electing officers for the coming year.
 - Nominations received: Rebecca Long-Bailey MP (co-chair), Lord Bryn Davies (co-chair), Sir Julian Lewis MP (officer), Liz Jarvis MP (officer)
 - DULY ELECTED
- Approving the income and expenditure statement (it will be a "nil return" as circulated via email, copies available for review as needed).
 - APPROVED
- **Regular business:**
- Welcome and approval of last in-person meeting minutes (May 2025, July 2025 was closed early as not quorate)
 - APPROVED
- Updates on Government, external campaign, and APPG steps taken since last meeting
 - Ministerial statement last week: RLB and BD have written to the Minister
 - Summary of updates based on correspondence from different groups provided by RLB: WASPI, WASPI 2018, WASPI Scotland, CASPI, 1950s Women of Wales, CEDAWinLAW, Pensions United
- Discussion of next steps for APPG
 - Discussion of the Government announcement last week that they are retaking the decision due to 2007 report
 - It was a DWP report so why wasn't it presented to the Minister appropriately?

- Ministerial Statement has given the women hope, potentially false hope if no change (on retaking the decision)
- Concerns about the announcement: The announcement was pre-emptively agreed to be a very short statement and it had been agreed in advance with the Speaker they wouldn't take many speakers (as Speaker outlined in pre-amble), and announced on Armistice Day when not many people in Parliament – concerning the announcement was being downplayed if intent is to introduce a compensation mechanism.
- Is the consideration of this report a legal requirement? How does it impact/relate to the ongoing legal case? (Review will look at soundness of legal case and whether Govt followed due process)
- Campaigners would rather talk to the Govt before the case and agree a settlement, rather than go through a lengthy court case
- Government engagement with different campaign groups
 - Recent written answers from Govt state there are no plans for the Government to meet with any of the campaign groups
 - APPG to keep pushing for engagement
- ACTIONS:
 - **Written and oral questions**
 - **Contact WASPI re update where the legal case is up to (if still live)**
 - **RLB office to re-invite CEDAWinLAW to present to APPG (rearranged event previously agreed)**
 - **Continue engagement with other campaign groups too**
 - **If the Minister doesn't respond to letter from Co-Chairs before Christmas: Collective letter**
 - **Circulate the 2007 report to Members**
 - **Press engagement on 2007 report/other evidence**