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Dear Colleague

RPI/CPI SWITCH: APPEAL AGAINST THE OUTCOME OF THE JUDICIAL REVIEW

Our appeal against the outcome of the judicial review was held in the Court of Appeal on 20 and 21 February 2012. Our lawyers and those for the other group of litigants made an excellent presentation of our case and it was clear that the judges had a good grasp of the arguments. The judges promised an early judgement but how early remains to be seen.

RPI/CPI SWITCH: 2012 SOCIAL SECURITY (UPRATING) ORDER

The uprating order was approved by the House of Commons on 23 February 2012. So, the basic state pension will increase by 5.2% from 06 April 2012, in line with the September 2011 CPI. In the debate the Shadow Employment Minister, Stephen Timms, drew attention to our briefing and said that the CPI would not provide the level of protection which pensioners expected.

The law now requires similar orders to be made to uprate the additional state pension and public sector pensions by 5.2% from 06 April 2012. It is expected that those orders will be made during March 2012.

RPI/CPI SWITCH: E-PETITION

The e-petition has now secured more than 109,000 signatures. At the initiative of the PCS union, backbench MPs have secured a debate to be held on 01 March 2012. We will be briefing MPs.

Yours sincerely

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