**APPG for Frozen British Pensions**

**30 April Meeting**

**Date: 30th April 2019**

**Time: 11am-12pm**

**Location: Room P in Portcullis House**

Formal Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence

George Howarth MP

Gavin Robinson MP

Martin Whitfield MP

Baroness Masham of Ilton

Ian Paisley MP

Lord Hannay of Chiswick

Clive Lewis MP

Lord Stoddart of Swindon

1. Attendees

Sir Roger Gale MP

Tonia Antoniazzi MP

Lord Mike German

Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Jim Shannon MP

Chris Muspratt – researcher to Andrew Rosindell MP

Katie Reade – The Campaign to End Frozen Pensions

Paul Gaffney – The Campaign to End Frozen Pensions

1. An update on Parliamentary questions

* An update on questions laid by Tonia Antoniazzi, Virendra Sharma MP, Caroline Lucas, Nigel Evans and George Howarth on the issue of ‘frozen pensions’
* In a written answer to Virendra Sharma the Government argued that the Social Security Uprating Regulations include benefits such as increases in carers allowance to save time ‘due to constraints on parliamentary time due to EU exit’
* In a written answer to Virendra Sharma the Government said that any requests for a new reciprocal agreement would be ‘considered carefully to ensure maximum benefit and reciprocity for both parties’
* Roger Gale recommends asking further questions about the rights of UK residents in the EU after EU exit
* Tonia Antoniazzi has submitted a Work and Pensions Oral Question
* Sir Peter Bottomley and Sir Roger Gale also agreed to submit the same Work and Pensions Oral Question to increase the chance of it being selected
* Katie from the Campaign to End Frozen Pensions will send further information to inform supplementary questions during Work and Pensions Oral Questions
* Andrew Rosindell will submit more written questions

1. An update on the Social Security Uprating Regulations

* Sir Peter Bottomley laid an EDM praying against the Regulations, which, along with MPs opposition to the legislation, received national media coverage in the Mail on Sunday, the Guardian and the Express
* The Campaign to End Frozen Pensions is submitting a letter to Theresa May asking her to separate important social security benefit increases from the SI responsible for ‘freezing’ the pensions of overseas residents so that MPs have the opportunity to vote on the policy.
* Jim Shannon, Sir Roger Gale and Sir Peter Bottomley sign the letter, taking the number of signatories to 17
* Jim Shannon asks that the campaign share an electronic copy of the letter with him so that he can share it with his party colleagues

1. An update on Anne Puckridge

* The APPG discusses Anne Puckridge’s letter to the Prime Minister
* Sir Roger Gale says that the Prime Minister should meet Anne Puckridge and that he will seek to confirm if Theresa May herself has seen the letter
* The Campaign to End Frozen Pensions raises its plans to bring Anne back to the UK and for her to visit Parliament with Bernard Jackson, a D-Day veteran
* Sir Peter Bottomley suggests sharing Bernard Jackson’s story in advance of D-Day

1. The next meeting of the APPG on Frozen British Pensions

* To be confirmed