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Pensions Bill 2011

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Pensions Bill, published in January 2011, confirmed the Government's various pension changes and builds on reforms that were set out in the Pensions Act 2008.
- 1.2 This Fact Sheet provides brief details of the changes that are contained in the Bill.

2 Auto-enrolment

- 2.1 Employers will be required to automatically enrol staff into a pension scheme from 2012. This will be done in stages over four years to September 2016.
- 2.2 More details about auto-enrolment and the Government's National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) can be found in Fact Sheet 3, which accompanies Issue 10 (Spring 2011) of Pensions Bulletin.

3 CPI pension increases

- 3.1 From 6 April 2011, defined benefit (DB) pension schemes will be allowed to continue with Retail Prices Index (RPI) increases for pensions in payment, or switch to Consumer Prices Index (CPI) increases for future service.
- 3.2 More details about the pension increase changes can be found in Fact Sheet 4, which accompanies Issue 10 (Spring 2011) of Pensions Bulletin.

4 State Pension age

- 4.1 The State Pension age will be increased to age 66 by 2020.
- 4.2 In addition, the women's State Pension age will be brought in line with the men's State Pension age to age 65 by 2018.

5 Refund of surplus to employers

- 5.1 The deadline to implement a resolution to maintain a power to make a refund of surplus to an employer from a DB pension scheme that is not winding up has been extended until 5 April 2016.

6 Further information

- 6.1 More details about the Pensions Bill and its passage through Parliament can be found at <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/>

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