

## **Anonymous 1 – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

### Pensioners

I've become increasingly cross about the mention of the RPI increase to the Old Age Pension in this mini budget spun as extra help when it's not. It is the normal RPI increase that's used from the June figure and given in October each year.

The pensioners who pay tax will benefit from tax threshold rises, but not necessarily all will. It depends on how much income they have.

The electricity price increase in July and the one in January to come is not reflected in the June RPI. It would have been better if the government had wanted to help pensioners if they used the September RPI at least that would have included half of the electric price rise. My question is why government did do that? Or put an extra RPI increase in January. If it's a matter of timing.

Pensioners are elderly, spend more time at home, are more likely to be ill and require adequate heating.

If of course they are tax payers and don't qualify for IS they don't qualify for the other 'pensioner' help.

It is easy for pensioners to fall between the gaps.

They are far less likely to ask for help and more likely to struggle quietly.