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TISA comments on the triple lock guarantee debate

Renny Biggins, Retirement Policy Manager, The Investing and Saving Alliance, commented: "According to an OECD study, the UK currently has the lowest State Pension of any OECD country, typically representing 60% of an average household's retirement income. The age at which you can access State Pension is gradually increasing, with some calls to increase the rate. In real terms, the amount of State Pension paid to couples has decreased around 20% over time, from 1994/95 to 2017/18.

"It is vital that individuals and households are able plan their retirements with a degree of confidence of what they could receive and when this will be. The removal of the triple lock guarantee creates future uncertainty and increases the need to supplement your retirement income privately. This means Auto-Enrolment contributions will need to be substantially increased to cover any cuts from the state – in recent research we identified contribution levels of at least 12% of pensionable earnings were required to enable households to achieve a moderate retirement income when combined with full state pensions. Any reform of this nature would lead to contributions in excess of 12% being required and may also lead to a reduction in the confidence of pensions in general."

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Notes for Editors

TISA's ambition is to improve the financial wellbeing of UK consumers by bringing the financial services savings industry together to promote collective engagement, to deliver solutions and to champion innovation for the benefit of people, our industry and the nation.

We do this by focusing on good consumer outcomes and harnessing the power of our broad industry membership base to deliver practical solutions, new digital infrastructure and by devising innovative, evidence-based strategic proposals for government, policy makers and regulators. This holistic approach to



address the major consumer issues uniquely positions TISA to deliver independent insight, promote innovation and facilitate good practice.

TISA's rapidly growing membership is representative of all sectors of the financial services industry. We have over 200-member firms involved in the supply and distribution of savings, investment products and associated services, including the UK's major investment managers, retail banks, online platforms, insurance companies, pension providers, distributors, building societies, wealth managers, third party administrators, Fintech businesses, financial consultants, financial advisers, industry infrastructure providers and stockbrokers.

Our current strategic policy focus includes making financial guidance more widely available; financial education for young people; retirement savings and addressing consumer engagement, particularly for the vulnerable. These will form essential elements of - *Vision 2025* - TISA's strategic policy roadmap towards delivering a material impact in enhancing consumers' financial wellbeing.

Complementing our development of consumer policy and thought leadership, TISA has become a major industry delivery organisation for consumer focused, digital industry infrastructure initiatives (TeX/STAR, Digital ID, MiFID II and Open Savings & Investment). This reflects TISA's commitment to open standards and independent governance.

TISA is also recognised for the support it provides to members on a range of operational and technical issues targeted at improving infrastructure and processes, establishing standards of good practice and the interpretation and implementation of new rules and regulations. This work currently includes MiFID II, CASS, SM&CR and addressing cybercrime.

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