

# RETIREMENT ROUNDUP



## TISA'S RETIREMENT NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of Retirement Roundup. We hope you find it useful, please do give us your feedback and do let us know if you have colleagues who would benefit from receiving a copy.

Renny Biggins — TISA Retirement Policy Manager

### In the News

#### Office of Tax Simplification - Savings Income: routes to simplification

This paper issued by OTS explores the taxation of savings income and identifies areas which might be simplified. It looks at income generated from savings held in cash and stocks & shares.

One of the areas covered is Pension Income. In particular, it looks at PAYE in relation to Pension Freedoms and the overpayments which frequently occur when initial lump sum withdrawals are taken, due to the application of the emergency tax code.

As a stakeholder who was consulted for this paper, it is encouraging to see the OTS consider TISA's concerns in this area and we wait with interest to see what the final outcomes are.

To read the report in full please [click here](#)

#### HMRC Newsletter 99

The latest newsletter was issued on 30 May 2018. This covers information on the following areas:

- Pension Schemes Online Service
- APSS262 form
- Event report - reportable events 22 and 23
- Genuine Errors
- Relief at source for Scottish Rate of Income Tax
- Look up residency status for relief at source

To read the newsletter in full please [click here](#)

#### Financial Lives Survey 2017

The FCA issued their latest Financial Lives survey on 20 June. This started in 2016 and is updated on a biennial basis.

It provides new data on UK consumers behaviour within the retail financial markets the FCA regulate. It covers product sales, experiences of financial services providers, current financial situations and attitudes towards managing money.

Some of the headline details are:

- 3% of adults are unbanked
- 4.1 million adults are defined as 'in difficulty' because they have missed domestic bills or meeting credit commitments in three or more of the last six months
- Only 6% of adults have used regulated advice in the last 12 months
- 31% of adults have no private pension provision
- The state pension is the main source of income for 44% of retirees
- 23% of adults have experienced an unsolicited approach about pensions or investments that might be a scam
- Only 40% of adults are confident in the UK financial services industry and only 31% feel that financial firms are honest and transparent

To read the survey in full please [click here](#)

#### Combating Pension Scams: PSIG Code of Practice V2

The Pensions Scams Industry Group (of which TISA is a board member) issued version 2 of its much praised Code of Practice on 22 June with updates to reflect the shift in pension scams activity over the last 3 years.

Renny Biggins states '*With pension savers having lost an estimated £1 billion to pension scams, it is imperative that industry and government put in place a framework to increase public awareness and help schemes combat this abhorrent activity. We welcome the updated industry Code of Practice and would encourage all schemes to review the document and extract relevant parts to assist in the creation of stringent operational procedures. We now await details of the regulations underpinning the cold calling ban and whilst these initiatives will not eradicate pension scams, they are a significant step in the right direction – it is an area where we constantly need to maintain momentum.*

We are hosting a copy of the code on our website. To view this in full please [click here](#)

#### Government response to the Work & Pensions Select Committee Pension Freedoms Report

The long awaited Government response to the Select Committee Pensions Freedom Report was issued on Friday 22 June. Notably default decumulation pathways was rejected due to its perceived inconsistency with pension freedoms. The response in full covers:

- Long-term pension freedom objectives and measurability
- Default decumulation pathways
- NEST decumulation products
- Pension Passports
- Mid-life MOT
- Pension dashboard
- Automated advice

To read the response in full please [click here](#)

#### HMRC Newsletter Manage and Register Pension Schemes service - June 2018

An ad-hoc newsletter has been issued to update stakeholders on the new service to manage and register pension schemes.

To read this in full please [click here](#)

## TISA NEWS

#### Pensions Dashboard Survey

At the Retirement Policy Council meeting in April, Guy Opperman, Under-Secretary for Pensions and Financial Inclusion requested an industry view on the Pension Dashboard initiative.

We subsequently conducted a member survey covering fundamentally important areas including participation, governance and security.

28 firms responded with the results as follows:

- 71% of respondents support private sector firms being able to offer their own pensions dashboard proposition governed by open standards
- 89% of respondents support the presentation of core information being subject to a degree of standardisation
- 85% of respondents support a set of open digital identity standards to ensure a secure identity validation protocol
- 96% of respondents support mandatory participation by all pension scheme administrators to deliver 100% coverage

The results have been shared with DWP and HMT.

To read the survey in full please [click here](#)

#### Pensions World Cup

We couldn't issue the June edition without a reference to the World Cup!

Scottish Widows have researched the design and sustainability of pension systems in the 32 countries participating in the 2018 finals. England is ranked in third place, only being beaten by Australia and Denmark. The research did not cover Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

#### Retirement Technical and Policy next meetings

**Technical Committee:** Wednesday 5 September  
15:00-17:00  
Venue: TBC

**Policy Council:** Wednesday 19 September  
14:00-16:00  
Venue: SS&C (previously DST), 4th Floor, 17 Dominion Street, London EC2M 2EF

TISA members have access to the Retirement Technical helpdesk, where we are happy to provide responses to technical queries and liaise with the appropriate bodies to resolve regulatory gaps. We are a member of the HMRC Pensions Industry Stakeholder Forum. Please email [enquiries@tisa.uk.com](mailto:enquiries@tisa.uk.com)

Members also have the opportunity to join the Retirement Technical Committee and Policy Council, where we look to resolve industry issues and help shape the future of UK Retirement in line with our manifestos. Additional working groups are set up to deal with specific areas of interest and importance.