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Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP  
House of Commons

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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 28 October to the Secretary of State on behalf of  
..... about the uprating of benefits.  
I am replying as the Minister for Employment and I apologise for the delay.

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions has completed his annual uprating review and State Pension and benefit rates will increase in line with the Consumer Prices Index for the year to September 2022. This means, subject to parliamentary approval, rates will increase by 10.1 per cent from 10 April 2023.

This was announced by means of a Written Ministerial Statement on 17 November 2022.

I hope this helps to explain the position.

**GUY OPPERMAN MP**  
**MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT**