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PENSIONS

The Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1971

<i>Made</i>	-	-	-	<i>19th October 1971</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>				<i>25th October 1971</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>				<i>1st November 1971</i>

The Minister for the Civil Service, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5(3) and (4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Pensions Increase (Past Prime Ministers) Regulations 1971, and shall come into operation on 1st November 1971.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) These Regulations apply to any pension payable under section 3 of the Ministerial Salaries Consolidation Act 1965(c) (pensions of Prime Ministers).

(2) Where a pension to which these Regulations apply begins on or before 1st April 1965, the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 shall apply to it as if—

(a) the pension fell to be increased by reference to the 1971 rate in accordance with section 6(1) of the Act (which provides for an increase of the amount necessary to bring the annual rate up to 118 per cent. of the 1971 rate);

(b) for the references in section 6(1) of the Act to 118 per cent. there were substituted references to 105 per cent.; and

(c) for the purposes of section 6(5) of the Act (additional increase for pensioners over 70) and article 9 of, and Table VII annexed to, the Pensions (Preservation of Increases) Order 1971(d), the pension began on or before 1st July 1955.

(3) Where a pension to which these Regulations apply begins after 1st April 1965, the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 shall have effect in relation to it as if it were excepted from the provisions of the Act.

(a) 1971 c. 56.
(c) 1965 c. 58.

(b) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1971/1316 (1971 II, p. 3752).

4. Any increase payable by virtue of these Regulations shall be payable in respect of any period beginning on or after 1st September 1971.

Given under the official seal of the Minister for the Civil Service on 19th October 1971.

(L.S.)

A. W. Wyatt,
Authorised by the Minister
for the Civil Service.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations apply the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971 to the pensions of past Prime Ministers subject to the following modifications. In the case of Prime Ministers who last ceased to hold office before 1st April 1965, pensions which came into payment at different times but at the same basic rate will attract the same rate of increase, and the increase will be restricted so as to secure that the pensions concerned will not exceed the current pension rate for former Prime Ministers. In the case of Prime Ministers who ceased to hold office on or after 1st April 1965, no increase will be payable.

In accordance with the powers conferred by section 5(4) of the Pensions (Increase) Act 1971, the Regulations provide for the increases to take effect from 1st September 1971.