From:	Paul Swain
To:	FOI
Subject:	Freedom of Information request - Resolution of frozen UK State Pensions issue
Date:	Friday, 18 February 2022 8:33:30 PM

Dear Prime Minister,

On Thursday, you met virtually with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, e.g. see https://www.sbs.com.au/news/scott-morrison-and-boris-johnson-have-held-talks-today-here-s-what-they-discussed/9b9157b2-eb1f-43dc-9823-a1bfb5758961 thus giving the Australian Government another chance to resolve the frozen UK State Pension issue. As we all know from much previous correspondence, most recently, in my case, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan's 17 September 2021 letter to Senator Andrew Bragg, the Australian Government repeatedly assures us that it

"will continue to press the issue with our UK counterparts on behalf of UK pensioners in Australia"

so I feel confident that you will have made another attempt to resolve the issue on this occasion, even though the attempt appears to have been excluded from the joint statement available at https://www.pm.gov.au/media/joint-statement-uk-australia-virtual-summit

1. Could you please provide me with any documents that you or your office hold that shows that the you attempted to resolve the frozen UK State Pension issue with the UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his staff during the virtual meeting.

2. If you DID NOT attempt to resolve the frozen UK State Pension issue with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his staff during the virtual meeting, could you please provide me with any documents that you or your office hold that shows why the Australian Government did not attempt to resolve this issue on this occasion.

3. If the Australian Government was once again ineffective in its attempt to resolve the frozen UK State Pension issue during this visit, could you please provide me with any documents that contain analyses that you or your office have done investigating the reason for the failure, and attempting to develop a more effective strategy for future attempts.

4. If you or your office do not hold any documents that are covered by point 3, could you please provide me with any documents that you or your office hold that shows why you and your office do not attempt to improve your performance in resolving the frozen UK State Pension issue by analysing your past performance.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Swain

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