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Dear Mr Kermode,

We write further to your request, received 27 February 2024 and amended on the 6 March 2024, which states:

"Please can you confirm the following:

- 1. How many individuals currently receive all state pensions (including the Manx State Pension and the State Retirement Pension)?
- 2. How many individuals currently receive the Manx Pension Supplement (for both the Manx State Pension and the State Retirement Pension)?
- 3. What was the total overall cost of the state pensions and Manx Pension Supplements in the last financial year?

Thank you"

We have detailed below the information that is being released to you based on information held and collated by the Social Security Division.

1. How many individuals currently receive the Manx State Pension? (including the Manx State Pension and the State Retirement Pension)?

In February 2024 the total number of individuals who were paid a state pension by the Isle of Man Treasury was 20,651, made up of 15,139 receiving the (old) state retirement pension and 5,512 receiving the (new) Manx state pension.

2. How many individuals currently receive the Manx Pension Supplement? (for both the Manx State Pension and the State Retirement Pension)?

In February 2024 the total number of individuals who were paid a Manx Pension Supplement with their state pension was 14,560, made up of 11,005 individuals

receiving a Manx Pension Supplement with their state retirement pension and 3,555 receiving a Manx pension supplement with their Manx State Pension.

3. What was the total overall cost of Manx State Pensions and Manx Pension Supplements in the last financial year?

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, under section 20 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you, whether free of charge or on payment of a fee. To provide advice and assistance to you, we publish our annual figures on the Isle of Man Government's Open Data website. Please click on the link and then click on "Benefit Claims and Expenditure (excel)" and the spreadsheet will show both the number of claims made during the last financial year and the expenditure.

For information, we will update the document with figures for year ending 31 March 2024 once they are available.

Please quote the reference number 3704258 in any future communications.

Your right to request a review

If you are unhappy with this response to your freedom of information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post.

An electronic version of our complaint form can be found by going to our website at https://services.gov.im/freedom-of-information/Review. If you would like a paper version of our complaint form to be sent to you by post, please contact me and I will be happy to arrange for this. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been concluded.

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

- 1. Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act 2015; or
- 2. Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your right to a review can be found on the Information Commissioner's website at www.inforights.im.

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about freedom of information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi.

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely,

