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Dear Mr Newcombe

Thank you for your further recent correspondence, raising issues arising from Government policies which are the responsibility of this Department. The Prime Minister receives a large volume of correspondence and is unable to reply personally on every occasion. I have been asked to respond.

I appreciate that you have strong views on this matter but unfortunately there is little I can further add to the comprehensive previous reply of 4 November 2013.

The arrangements and the criteria that the New Zealand government use for their pension scheme (New Zealand Superannuation) is a matter for the New Zealand government in the first instance, rather than the UK government. Any requests to change the New Zealand State pension scheme should be directed towards the relevant New Zealand office.

I can confirm there are no plans to renegotiate the bilateral agreements.

Yours sincerely

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