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Member of Parliament for Clevedon

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Dear Bob

Thank you for your letter dated 8 August 2006, received by my Parliamentary office on 14 April 2006. Your situation as you know, unfortunately is not unique. There are a great many migrants who are adversely affected by the provisions of Section 70 of the Social Security Act 1964, which allows the New Zealand Government to take any payments from an overseas superannuation scheme.

I would like to reiterate that my colleague Lockwood Smith has previously been involved in taking a petition to Parliament on this matter. On 10 November 2004 I also presented to Parliament a Petition from the British Pensioners Association, which requested the House to change social welfare reciprocity arrangements with the United Kingdom.

However, in August 2005 the Chairman of the Social Services Committee noted that they had considered this petition carefully but once again had no matters to bring to the attention of the House.

Unfortunately, the National Party is not in government, nor do we have a majority on the Social Services Select Committee. However, I would suggest that you and any other affected person write to the Chairman of the Social Select Committee to express your desire to have a proper inquiry into the most recent petition concerning s.70. She can be contacted at: Georgina Beyer MP, Chairman of the Social Services Select Committee, Parliament Buildings, Freepost, Wellington

Yours sincerely

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