

## Agenda item 5 – Raised by Jayne Wiberg – LGA – 2 March 2018

Further to the article in italics below that I placed in bulletin 167, I have had the following request from an administering authority:

*“we are now quite close to stage 3 in relation to the rectification of our pensioner and dependant member payments. With this in mind it would be useful to know whether there are any other LGPS’ already implementing stage 3, in order that we can liaise with them concerning the best practice which we should adopt. If you are able to let me know of any LGPS’ completing stage 3 it would be much appreciated”.*

Unfortunately, I am not able to share the content of the data that I received that enabled me to compile the outcome of the survey and I have advised the Fund to contact their local POG. However, this made me wonder if this was an area in which Technical Group could become involved given that the Chairs of each POG attend Technical Group? It seems to me that we could use Technical Group as a central point to agree a consistent approach to common issues that arise during the reconciliation exercise.

We can discuss this further next week, though I thought it prudent to give you advance notice so that you can have some thoughts prior to our discussion on the day.

Extract from [bulletin 167](#) (February 2018)

### **Contracted-out reconciliation exercise – February 2018 survey update**

*On 8 February 2018, the Secretariat issued a survey to administering authorities in England & Wales. The aim of the survey was to determine what stage administering authorities are at with their contracted-out reconciliation exercise.*

*We would like to express our thanks to the administering authorities who responded. As mentioned in our survey, where we received no response we have been obliged to record that as a ‘stage 0 – have yet to start’ response.*

*The results of the survey shows that administering authorities are at different stages in respect of their individual types of members (e.g. active, deferred and pensioners), so there will be some middle ground. The table overleaf shows ‘worst’ and ‘best’ case scenarios i.e. if an administering authority is at:*

- stage 4 for pensioners and stage 2 for actives and deferred – then the ‘worst’ case scenario shows the administering authority at stage 2, or*
- stage 4 for pensioners and stage 2 for actives and deferred – then the ‘best’ case scenario shows the administering authority at stage 4.*

*Clearly many administering authorities are somewhere in between, for example, an administering authority may have completed their pensioner member reconciliation, be part way through their deferred member reconciliation, though may only have just begun their active member reconciliation.*

Stage	Description of Stage	No. of administering authorities at this stage	
		Worst case scenario	Best case scenario
Stage 0	Administering authority has yet to start the exercise	8	4
Stage 1	Compare administering authority data with HMRC data	20	13
Stage 2	Review data inconsistencies, raise with HMRC, agree outcome	51	42

<b>Stage 3</b>	<i>Rectification</i>	9	25
<b>Stage 4</b>	<i>Reconciliation complete</i>	0	4