

SMPI Q&As

What is a SMPI?

This is your Statutory Money Purchase Illustration (or SMPI) and is an annual illustration of the future pension that may be payable on retirement from your fund when you retire. The purpose of the SMPI is to keep you informed about your pension savings, and to help you plan for retirement. The assumptions used by the Trustee are based on advice received from their professional advisers and are in line with guidance from Financial Reporting Council.

Why am I receiving a SMPI?

The Trustee is required to send you a SMPI by law, but the information is also expected to be useful to support your retirement planning. Any Members with defined contribution pots under the New Joiner Structure and members with defined benefits under final salary structures **who also** have Additional Voluntary Contributions (AVCs) AVCs and/or Shift Pay Pension Plan (SPPP) benefits will receive a SMPI.

Does the SMPI projection have any impact on my pension benefits?

The SMPI does not impact on your pension benefits. It is an illustration based on assumptions and is not guaranteed. The size of your fund, and level of pension that may be payable, will depend on future investment returns and level of contributions made by you and your employer until you decide to draw on your fund.

Why did the Trustee of the CNPP change the SMPI assumptions for this year's statements?

The Trustee has updated the SMPI assumptions used this year to reflect the latest requirements set out by the Financial Reporting Council. In addition, the Trustee has updated the assumptions to ensure they reflect the way your fund is invested, and up to date views on future investment returns.

Have other pension schemes changed their SMPI basis?

Yes many pension schemes have reviewed and revised the assumptions used for SMPs, but typically this is not done too frequently as it is helpful for members of schemes if the rate of returns is consistent from year to year.

Are the SMPI assumptions likely to change in the future?

The SMPI assumptions are not likely to change in successive years. The Trustee recognises that it is important to try and keep the assumptions consistent for members from year to year to aid members in their retirement planning. The Trustee will review the assumptions periodically to ensure they remain fit for purpose.