

Finance Committee
The Scottish Rate of Income Tax
Submission from Mr and Mrs Sussames

Response

Dear Mr Kenneth Gibson,

In reply to your letter in the evening news 30/5/15 I am submitting my view on the levy of income tax for Scotland.

My husband and I are in our late 70's and of a generation where, when taking up employment we were encouraged to save for our retirement, to ensure that we had a comfortable standard of living in our twilight years. We have always worked. Never claiming benefits.

My husband started up a pension plan and for the last 15 years of his working life he paid a fair portion of his income into it. But unfortunately he now pays a substantial amount of tax each month as he has a reasonable state pension due to related earnings.

I am sure I speak for a lot of pensioners who are in the same situation, whilst we appreciate that we won't be exempt from paying tax I feel that people of a certain age say over 70 should at the least be paying tax at a lesser rate for example 10% or be given a much higher tax threshold allowing us to keep more of the money we invested.