



## Letters to the editor

### Government must take responsibility

Dear editor,

The problems associated with pensions seem to be permanently on the table debated to little avail. On his return to office in May, David Blunkett had the opportunity to make some impact on the issue; however, as of yet, he has failed to make his mark.

The proposal of soft compulsion – made by Gordon Brown at the Labour party conference last month – as a means to tackle the pensions crisis, is a good one but is by no means novel. This solution has been suggested since early this year and the government is still taking no decisive line. Rather, they are passing the buck to the Pensions Commission and leaving it to salvage something out of this catastrophe.

Simplifying pensions is a must. The government and the Pensions Commission have the opportunity to get pensions back on track and empower the public to save for the future. But it's no good just leaving it up to pension firms to spread the word – this is an issue of national importance and, as such, the government has a responsibility to educate the public and incentivise them to take control of their own financial destiny.

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