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Grant Ballantine retires after a 37 year career at the Government Actuary's Department

After a distinguished career that started in the 1960's Grant Ballantine retired from the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) at the end of March. Retirement comes after a career which started at Scottish Widows (where Grant qualified as an Actuary in 1968), before joining GAD in 1973. For a substantial part of his time at GAD, Grant led the teams of actuaries providing all of GAD's actuarial advice on UK occupational pension schemes, both in the public sector and private sectors.

Grant also spent time on overseas work, including the provision of advice to the Russian authorities following the fall of Communism and, in 2000-2001, helping to establish pension provision in Kosovo following the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Reflecting on his time at GAD, Grant explains, "I have always believed that my job at GAD was a job well worth doing, not least in the context of the ever-present context of protecting the interests of the UK taxpayer".

Trevor Llanwarne, the Government Actuary, thanked Grant for his service and added that "Grant had been an invaluable member of the GAD team over any years, serving as a role model for loyal public service. Grant's retirement is a landmark event at GAD and we wish him a long and happy retirement. "

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Editor's note

1 The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) provides actuarial analysis for the public sector from the public sector, and has been working within government for almost a century. GAD offers actuarial services to governments and public sector organisations, in the UK and around the world, covering pensions, social security and insurance. Based in London and Edinburgh, GAD employs 140 people, of whom 60 are qualified actuaries.