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Part of the Government's response to its own cut to winter fuel payments for millions of pensioners is an attempt to substantially increase the number of people claiming pension credit.

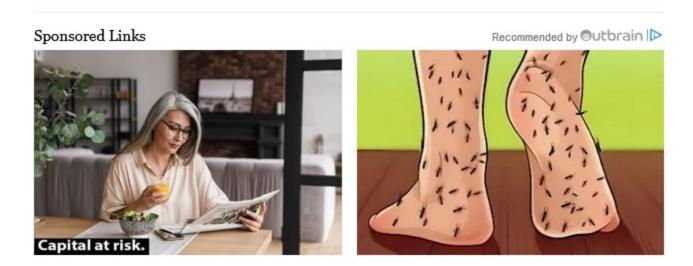
But trying to increase pension credit take up will overload <u>DWP</u> capability and claims will not be handled in time for November.

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The drive to increase take up won't work and will still leave millions out.

With hundreds of thousands of pensioners potentially eligible for Pension Credit but not yet claiming and perhaps up to two million more with incomes only a little above the threshold who might now try to apply and find themselves rejected, it is inevitable that the <u>Government</u> will be unable to process all new claims within a few weeks.



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Even if those applying are accepted, the administrative processes take weeks or months so they won't get their payments on time.