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*New Constituent,*

**RE: PUBLIC SECTOR PAY.**

Thank you for contacting me recently about public sector pay; I read your comments with great interest.

Public sector workers deserve to have fulfilling jobs, which are fairly rewarded. The Government has confirmed that it will be moving away from the 1 percent public sector pay policy, towards a more flexible approach on pay.

We still need to deal with our country's debts to ensure we have a strong economy to enable us to invest in our public services. The Government will consider each specific workforce to ensure pay is set so that the public sector can continue to both attract and hold on to the excellent staff that support our world-leading public services.

Before Ministers make final decisions on pay awards, they will seek the views of the eight independent Pay Review Bodies. Once these bodies have reported, the Government will consider their recommendations and announce public sector pay awards for each of those workforces.

On the issue of funding for pay settlements, it would be wrong to pre-empt the wider process around the Pay Review Bodies by centrally determining public sector pay. Secretaries of State issue remit letters to their relevant bodies to begin the pay round process. These are followed by submissions of workforce-specific evidence to the review bodies, which cover recruitment and retention, and scope for productivity. Pay Review Bodies will consider specific issues within each workforce and make recommendations based on the evidence.

Since 2010, the deficit has been cut by two thirds, helping secure our economy for the future. There is more to be done, but thanks to the actions that have been taken, the Government can now apply greater flexibility to public sector pay. Ministers will continue to ensure that the overall package for public sector workers recognises their vital contribution and ensures that they can deliver world class public services, while also being affordable and fair to taxpayers as a whole.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

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