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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Legislative Consent Motion – Public Sector Exit Payment

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) is concerned about a category of firefighters whose normal pension age is currently 60 and the potential impact that this Legislative Consent Motion (LCM) could have on them.

In response to the HM Treasury consultation on the Public Sector Exit Payment, the FBU raised concerns about the impact on these firefighters if they were unable to maintain operational fitness beyond age 55.

The HM Treasury response to this consultation in September 2015 took cognisance of this and decided that payments to those firefighters affected by "...certain fitness-related requirements." would not be in scope and therefore not subject to the cap.

This response is confirmed by Mark Francois MP, English Fire Minister, in his letter to the FBU General Secretary, Matt Wrack (attached).

Confirmation is required that this 'exemption' is to be applied to affected firefighters in Northern Ireland if the LCM is applied.

Yours sincerely

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