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Fire and Rescue Services



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Our ref: F2802866
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Dear Sir/Madam

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME AMENDMENT ORDERS

I refer to my letter of 18 December 2009, in which I invited comments on The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Amendment (Scotland) Order 2010 and The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007 Amendment Order 2010. Both instruments make provision for Scottish Ministers to pay direct grant to joint fire and rescue boards/fire and rescue authorities for the purposes of pension and related allowances and gratuities.

The consultation was due to conclude on 15 January 2010 but was extended for a further week to allow some respondents to participate in the consultation exercise. I would like to thank all those who commented on the orders. Those who responded either indicated contentment with the draft orders or indicated that they had no comments on the draft.

The orders were therefore finalised (which involved some minor adjustments to the wording in line with best practice for Scottish statutory instruments); signed by the Minister for Community Safety and laid in the Scottish Parliament can be accessed at <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/legislation/whatsnew#scotacts> . Over the next few weeks, the orders will be subject to Parliamentary scrutiny and if MSPs are content, the orders will come into effect on 1 April 2010.

If you have any questions about the orders, please contact me on 0131 244 3032 or by e-mail at johann.macdougall@scotland.gsi.gov.uk .

Yours faithfully



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