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Our ref:

23 December 2010

Dear Colleague

**The Firefighters' Pension Scheme Order 1992**  
**The Firefighters' Pension Scheme (Scotland) Order 2007**

I refer to the letter of 26 November 2010 advising of the start of consultation on changes required to the above Orders as a result of the UK Government's intention to switch the basis of uprating public service pensions from the Retail Prices Index (RPI) to the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). The letter outlined proposed changes to the references in both scheme rules to RPI in relation to the re-valuation of additional pension benefits before they come into payment at retirement.

I am now writing to confirm that further consideration is being given to these proposed changes and consequently draft amendments to the relevant scheme rules in both Orders have not yet been prepared. It was initially intended that draft amendments would be issued as part of this consultation by 23 December 2010. However it is our intention to address these proposals in the New Year and we would therefore still welcome any comments you may wish to make between now and 26 February 2011.

If you ask for your response not to be published we will regard it as confidential and we will treat it accordingly. All respondents should however be aware that the SPPA is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to the Agency under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation exercise.

Any comments should be sent to me at the above address or by email to [jenny.coltman@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.coltman@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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