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Dear Ms Moffatt

Re: Public Sector Pensions Proposals

Thank you for your letter of the 9th September regarding the subject of Public Sector Pensions and inviting me to a briefing session and discussion to be held on Thursday 9th October at 6-30 pm at Transport House, Fort Street, Douglas. I'm sorry to advise that I am unable to attend on the 9th October as I will be absent from the Island from 27th September until the 11th October.

Although unable to attend the meeting I am fully aware of the concerns of many employees in the Public Sector as I speak to a lot of people in the course of my job.

As you will be aware, the Chief Minister has indicated that he intends to bring forward proposals to the December Sitting of Tynwald as agreed at the May 2008 Sitting of Tynwald. He has also confirmed that no decision has been taken either by Government or by Tynwald to approve or accept any of the recommendations in the report of Hymans Robertson.

However, until the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers bring forward any proposals it would be premature to speculate on what might or might not happen.

I do recognise that Government needs to retain and recruit staff at all levels and that Pensions provision features to a large extent in the thinking of present and prospective employees and I will maintain close links with everyone involved in determining future Public Sector pension provisions.

Yours sincerely

Alan Crowe MLC