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16<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Ms Angela Moffatt  
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Dear Ms Moffatt

**Re: - Public Sector Pensions Proposals**

Thank you for your letter of invitation to attend a briefing at Transport House on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 6.30pm, to which I will be attending although I plan to eat before attending and will not require refreshments other than a drink.

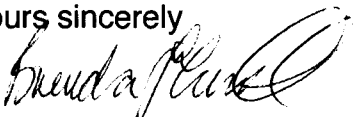
I have had a number of constituents make contact with me over this issue, and appreciate their concerns which I share.

For the record I support the retention of the existing pension schemes and believe that it would be unlawful to change them, however, I am open to new entrants perhaps being offered something else provided that it is fair and affordable.

In terms of the so called 'consultation document' sent out by the Civil Service Commission, and the suggestion of setting up a Statutory Board with delegated powers to make changes or to revoke existing arrangements is quite ridiculous and one which I will not support. To my mind taking such a route removes the responsibility from Tynwald and we could end up with a Quango, which is unelected and unaccountable in so much as they would only have to make a report to Tynwald once a year, this after decisions and actions have already been taken.

You can count on my support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Brenda J Cannell MHK

cc Mrs J Murphy, 22 Princes Street, Douglas