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Dear Ms Moffatt

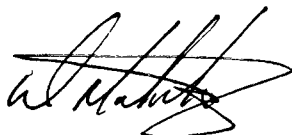
Re: Public Sector Pensions Proposal

Thank you for your letter dated 9th September 2008 with regard to proposed pension changes, unfortunately I will be off Island on the 9th October and therefore unable to attend your meeting. I will be happy to meet with you at later date and discuss your concerns but feel it would be prudent to wait until after the Council of Ministers have given us a clear indication as to what recommendations they intend to try and implement.

It may be helpful to outline my stance on the subject at this time, and although I agree that it is essential that we review our pensions especially for the future of our children, I believe that no Body or Government has the right to alter existing pension rights which clearly form part of a contract of employment. I also believe that no matter what future Body is put in charge of pensions that Tynwald and only Tynwald should have the final say.

I hope this helps you understand my stance and can I assure you of my future support in helping you maintain the pension rights of you members.

Yours sincerely



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