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Public Sector Pensions

Thank you for your letter of 24th September and apologies for the delay in replying.

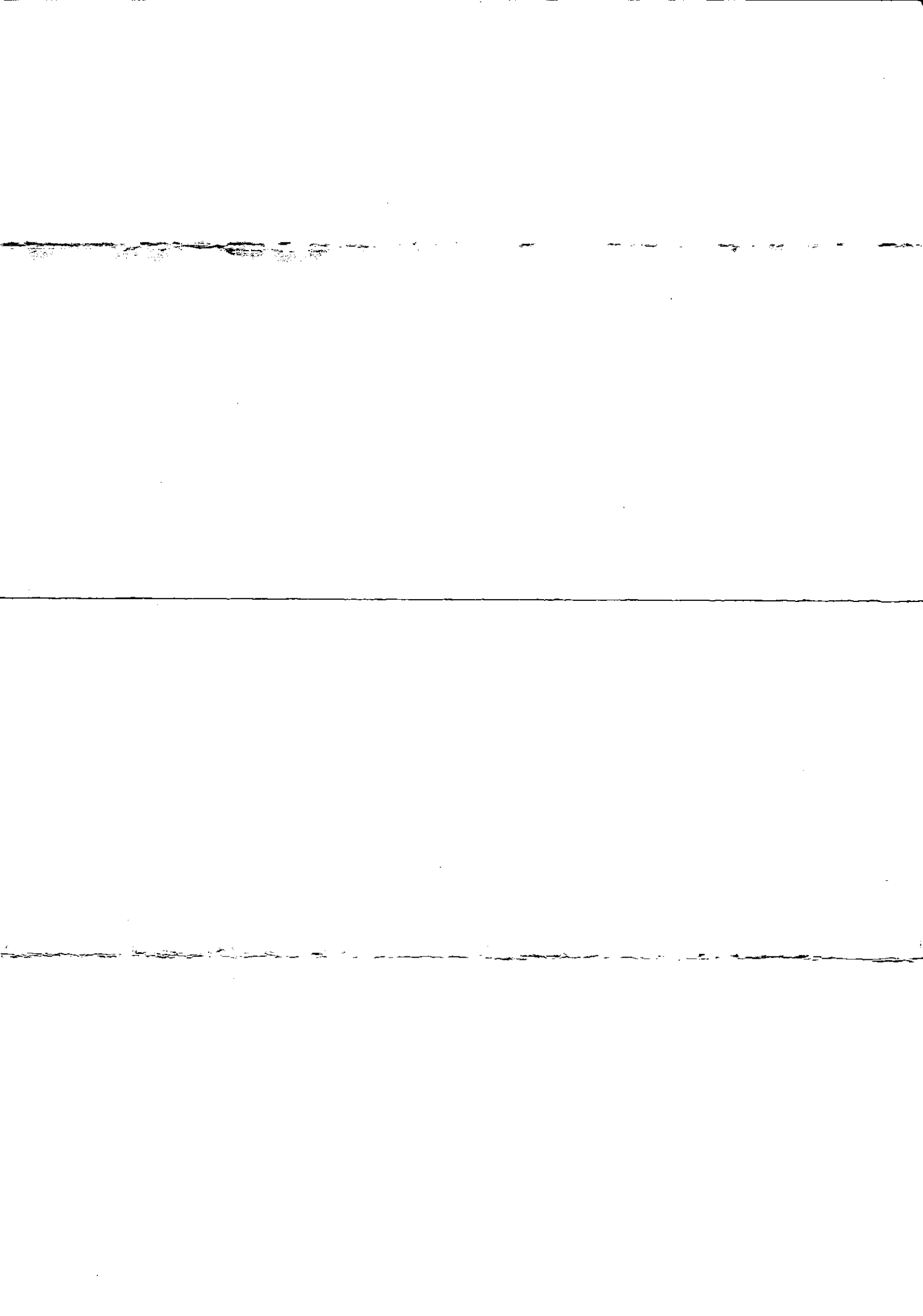
I note your concerns and from my enquiries I can say that there have been no decisions at all at this stage as to whether any of the Hymans Robertson recommendations will be implemented.

I am sure that the rights of existing members will be continued and those most likely to be affected will be new entrants if any of the recommendations are accepted. I hope the various unions and staff associations involved will stand up strongly for the rights of their members to ensure that no-one is disadvantaged. I have spoken to union representatives on this issue and I am sure that they will, and I will support them in their efforts.

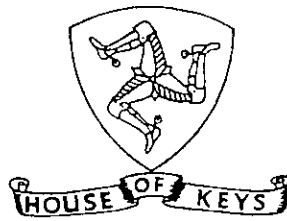
You make a valid point about the Tynwald Member's pension scheme - I only realised recently that we received a pension and it does not seem to be included in any of the recommendations.

Yours sincerely,

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Independent Review of Public Sector Pensions

Thank you for your letter dated 24th September 2008 concerning the above matter.

I have to say that it gives me great concern as well. I think its important that we do try to make sure that we continue to promise the commitments that we made to people when they took up posts. I have to say that this whole sad affair is yet another example of where we haven't had good governance and that's why I want to see the interests of the people protected by trying to develop a system where there is some audit and accountability in the systems in Government, so that they have to be more effective and efficient in their decision making and its actually audited instead of it being run like a one big club that the House of Keys has become over the years.

Obviously I am there to represent your interests as your MHK, but I am also there to represent the Islands well being as well. I am a big believer if promises are made, promises shouldn't be broken and as far as I am concerned, Government should honour its promises and if they don't then they are not fit for office.

If I can be of any further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me. I'll be happy to come to any meetings as I have an open door policy with the Union Representatives as being a paid up member of the TUC since the 1970's.

Yours sincerely

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