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Dear Chief Executive

Internal Dispute Resolutions

Enclosures

1. Written Ministerial Statements December 14<sup>th</sup> 2009-The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Kevan Jones)
2. Letter to John Thurso MP dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009 and forwarded to the Minister of Defence Rt. Hon. John Hutton MP.

The failure of the Ministry of Defence to meet these legal requirements regarding the payments of Occupational Pensions and Gratuities to members of the Armed Forces for service prior to 1975 were thoroughly investigated throughout 2009 by the MOD but only to their own satisfaction. We consider their responses amount to misinformation, spin and false pretences.

With reference to the Ministerial written statement, (Enclosure1) this was obviously prior to the introduction of the MOD's Internal Dispute Procedure in relation to Pension Disputes.

Since in the opinion of our Federation, there is little likelihood of the MOD now agreeing to payments of our Occupational Pensions and Gratuities for service prior to 1975, we consider further investigation by any Internal Dispute Committee would be a total waste of time.

Would you therefore please advise the Pensions Ombudsman's Service to the above effect at –

The Pensions Ombudsman  
The Pensions Ombudsman's Service  
11 Belgrave Road  
London  
SW1V 1RB

The matter of a refund of contributions to the Civil Service Widows Pension Scheme pre 1978 has now been referred to the Civil Service 'Internal Dispute Procedure' for Civil Servants at –

The Joint Personnel Administration Centre  
Tel: 0800-085-3600

You are requested to treat this letter as a matter of urgency. A reply and an acknowledgement would be much appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Robson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'D' and a trailing flourish.

David Robson  
Secretary General  
The Combined Armed Forces Federation U.K.