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1st December 2010

Dear Mr Duggan

Internal Dispute Resolutions

Enclosures

1. Letter to the Service Personnel & Veterans Agency dated December 1st 2010.
2. Extract from 'Written Ministerial Statements' dated December 14th 2009.

Thank you for your letter dated November 23rd 2010 concerning the above. As you will note from the above enclosures I have now taken action to deal with the issues you have raised.

May I point out Capita is the Government's 'Payment Agent' only for Civil Service Pensions and has no responsibilities for the Schemes Rules and Regulations. However as you will note in Enclosure 1, I have referred to matters of the repayment of 'Contributions Pre 1978' to the Principal Civil Service Widows Pension Scheme and that of Reconstruction Competitions within the Civil Service to their own Internal Dispute Procedure.

Additionally the above I am told is not the reason for the lack of progress with my Application to the Pensions Ombudsman's Service but the fact that the original Application is still under 'Review'. Since it has already been under review for the last 6 months I find it difficult to accept that this is the reason for the delay?

With regards to my letter to Caroline Dinenage MP dated November 18th 2010 to which I have had no response to date. I shall be writing to her again emphasising, with a copy of my reply to you, my request that she forwards my questions to the Minister of Defence for his responses by December 15th 2010 at the latest. If you remember at our meeting on September 10th last, she wished to put these questions to the Minister prior to setting down a question for the Prime Minister at Wednesday's Question Time in the House of Commons.

I also wish to have the opportunity to provide her with additional information in support of our claims besides giving her the opportunity to clarify any issues she may wish to raise. Also to establish, whether we can count on her support or not? If you remember this opportunity was cancelled at short notice on October 15th 2010, and I wish to have another as a matter of urgency.

You will appreciate time is now marching on since I first brought these claims to her attention and we are anxious to bring them to a conclusion as a matter of urgency and return to our retirements. In spite of the downturn in the economy, with all the ring fencing of funds announced daily, there is no excuse for this Government to continue illegally withholding our Pensions and Gratuities.

Thanking you for your kind attentions.

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.