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Dear Major General

Questionnaire Survey of Members views and interests in the Forces Pension Society

Thank you for your letter dated 9th January 2012, and invitation to participate in the above.

As you are probably aware, as a Federation of ex Members of the Armed Forces, we are continuing our claim for legal entitlements to Occupational Pensions and Gratuities for our years of service prior to 1975. We have two legal entitlements as below. (See also our Web-site – www.caffuk.org.uk)

1. Under Parliamentary Command 945 (April 1959)

This Command entitles ex Members of the Armed Forces prior to 1975. To transfer their years of Service into the Principal Civil Service Occupational Pension Scheme when becoming Civil Servants on leaving the Armed Forces.

2. Under the Social Security Act 1973 Schedule 16 and the Social Security and Pensions Act 1975

These Acts above were specifically introduced to allow all employees to transfer their years of service in an Occupational Pension Scheme when transferring from our employer to another. Alternatively they could be offered a refund of their original contributions towards the first employers Occupational Pension Scheme if it was contributory scheme. If a non-contributory Pension Scheme the employer awarded the employee a sum of money equivalent to their years of service from their existing pension fund.

To date, Treasury Mandarins and Government Ministers have responded with duplicity, humbug and just about every other excuse they can think of to avoid honouring these legal requirements and commitments. It would appear Treasury Mandarins can hide behind Government Ministers, and in turn, Government Ministers can hide behind Treasury Mandarins. Subsequently nobody is responsible, or accountable, for their actions or decisions. Additionally if either are challenged in

a Court of Law, and lose, the tax payer foots the bill ! Not a bad position for Administrators to be in when you think about it ?!

We are now in a position where we have no other option but to seek a Court Order for the Government to legally comply with the above legislation and Statutory requirements we are entitled to.

It would therefore be of interest to our Members if you could advise me regarding your 'Fixed Fee' for the Forces Pension Society's 'Pension Casework Service' to investigate our claims through to its resolution as set out in your questionnaire ? If this is of interest to the FPS we have a 'Researched Report' you can see published in 2008 to assist in your deliberations. I should also point out we would require the FPS to make an immediate application to the High Court for an order as above. The order should also include a demand for all back payments and compensation for lost income in the intervening years. An Early reply would be much appreciated.

I can give you my thoughts on the other matters your questionnaire raises in a separate letter if you so wish ? In the meantime I can do no better than to recommend Anthony Sampson's book 'Who runs this place ? An anatomy of Britain in the 21st Century. – Publisher John Murray.

Anthony Sampson predicted the collapse of the banks and financial institutions in 2004. Nobody took any notice of course !

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Robson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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