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Dear

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Between now and next Easter we are requesting all Members to contact their Member of Parliament and make an appointment with them to seek their support for the immediate payment of our Occupational Pensions and Gratuities, Back Pay, Interest and Compensation for lost opportunities since, for our years of service prior to 1975. If you do not know the name of your MP you can find out by ringing the House of Commons on 02072-193000 and also write to them at Joe Bloggs MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. They should have a Constituency Office you can attend to meet them. See also our Website –

[www.caffuk.org.uk](http://www.caffuk.org.uk)

You might also be able to make an appointment with them via their own Web-site?

Point out at your interview with them that there are 2 copies of our CAFF UK Researched Report and Addendums in the House of Commons Library.

Above all we need to impress upon all MPs that this Government, like the last Government has a Statutory Duty in accordance with the Social Security Act 1973 Section 38 Schedule 16 and the Social Security and Pensions Act 1975 to pay our Pensions just as they pay pre 1975 Parliamentary and Civil Service Pensions.

Besides the above, the Government also has a duty to pay our pensions etc in accordance with Parliamentary Command 945 effective from April 1959 for members of the Armed Forces who became Civil Servants when they left the Armed Forces.

There is also a duty to pay pensions to those members of the Armed Forces who joined the Civil Service as successful candidates in Reconstruction Competitions in the 1950s and 60s, following the Second World War. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Principal Civil Service pre 1975 Superannuation Pension Scheme.

Finally we need to stress that it is not an option to use the downturn in the economy as an excuse for not paying up. This is especially so since the Armed Forces pre 1975 were instrumental in securing the £8 Billion pounds peace dividend. The same excuse


could equally be used for discontinuing payment of pre 1975 Parliamentary and Civil Service Pensions and that is not going to happen !

In addition to the above £8 Billion, Alan Duncan MP is back on his travels around the world as Overseas Development Minister, giving away £11.4 Billion pounds of alarm clock taxpayer's money which could be used instead to reduce the deficit ! The latest giveaway is spending millions of pounds on research to investigate why some young children are not happy would you believe ! So don't let any MP fob you off with 'Due to the downturn in the economy' – They created it in the first place ! We need to thump the table hard on this one. We can win this fight with any Government because we have the legislation on our side to do it !

It is also worth pointing out to MPs in the Gosport, Fareham and Portsmouth Constituencies that as garrison towns and cities they have a special responsibility for protecting and fighting for the interests of the Armed Forces. This also applies to Constituencies of any other garrison towns and cities of course.

This letter will be sent to all our Members of CAFF UK who are not on the Internet and a copy will be displayed on our Web-site. Between now and Easter it is important to seek the support of as many MPs as possible if we are finally going to succeed in our claims, so please make the effort as above. At present this Government's Ministers now, as with the last Labour Government is totally breaking the law in refusing our legal claims and playing 'Gutter Politics' with our pensions to date. This is nothing less than shameful.

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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Secretary General CAFF UK