

31st August 2022

Michael McGrath TD
Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Minister McGrath

During the course of our engagement earlier this week at the Workplace Relations Commission reference was made to the cost involved in applying the increases that were under consideration to the pensions of retired civil and public servants.

Although this matter wasn't directly part of our negotiations we formed the view that it was your intention to continue the practice of maintaining parity between the pay of serving staff and pensions.

As you know we work closely with the Alliance of Retired Public Servants and I would be grateful for your confirmation that the above understanding is correct and that, in the event of the pay proposals being accepted, pensions will be increased in the normal way. Each of the unions concerned will be dealing with many queries in this regard over the coming days.

I look forward to hearing from you by return.

Yours sincerely



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Chairperson
ICTU Public Services Committee

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Gerry Foley, Chair, Alliance of Retired Public Servants