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Dear Firefighter

I am writing to update you following my letter of 22 August 2014. On Monday I met with the Fire Brigades Union again to continue discussions concerning the pension reform programme. Once again, it was a useful and constructive meeting, and we have agreed that we will meet again next week.

Last week, I met with representatives from the FBU's National Women's Committee to discuss issues of importance to them. We had a broad and very valuable discussion, and I was interested to see the parallels between many of the issues faced by female firefighters and those I recognise from my own experience as a woman in the armed forces. The Committee members kindly agreed to forward me examples of good practice by fire and rescue services in supporting their female firefighters, and I look forward to hearing more about this and to continuing our discussions in the future.

I will keep you all updated on progress. My goal, which remains clear, is to get the best deal possible for firefighters and to resolve this dispute.

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