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Dear Colleague

Consultation on further amendments to the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014

This letter invites comments on a further set of amending regulations in respect of the reformed Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS). These cover three technical changes to the Teacher's Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. The amendments are needed to correct typing errors and ensure the arrangements work fully as intended in line with previous consultations on the regulations involved.

The explanatory note to the regulations provides details of the changes involved but in summary they are as follows:-

- Deferred member's account (Regulation 65(c)) – the proposed change brings this regulation in line with others where there is a reference to a gap in service. The change makes it clear that where a deferred member re-enters pensionable service after exactly five years or less then any benefits in the deferred account can be transferred back into the member's active account, which is re-established.
- Making a buy-out election (Schedule 2) – the proposed change makes it clear that where a member is a member of the TPS in respect of more than one employment then each employer is required to deduct the relevant contributions in respect of the employment with them.
- Ill-health benefits (Schedule 3) – the proposed changes provide that the final salary element of any ill-health pension payable to a transitional member is paid from the final salary scheme once the member reaches normal pension age in that scheme. This does not change the amount a member will receive or the way in which they qualify for such benefits, which remains as set out in previous consultations/the existing regulations. The change does, however, provide clarity that the pension payable

covers the member's accrued rights in both the career average and final salary schemes.

We would welcome any comments you have on the draft regulations by 12 February 2015. I appreciate that is a relatively short deadline but would stress that the amendments are technical in nature and do not change the arrangements already consulted on for the reformed TPS.

Any comments should be submitted either by emailing reformedteacherspension.consultation@education.gsi.gov.uk

or by writing to

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Yours sincerely

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