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## BY EMAIL

Dear Nick

Thank you for your recent letter withdrawing the activation letter from the Northern Ireland Justice Minister, Claire Sugden, to the Prison Service Pay Review Body (PSPRB).

I accept that the political situation in Northern Ireland has meant it has not proved possible for the Northern Ireland Prison Service to provide evidence to us on behalf of the Northern Ireland Government. This has meant that the Review Body has not been in a position to make recommendations on pay for prison staff in our remit to the Northern Ireland Government. I agree there is not now sufficient time to undertake a PSPRB pay round prior to the end of the 2017-18 financial year without compromising the integrity of the process.

This letter therefore formally notes the withdrawal of the activation letter along with your intention to enter into direct negotiations with the POA (Northern Ireland) and the Prison Governors' Association (Northern Ireland) on 1 April 2017 pay. The Review Body will of course happily re-engage for the next pay round and our secretariat are ready to discuss with Northern Ireland Prison Service officials as and when appropriate.

*Yours,  
Peter Knight*

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Chair, Prison Service Pay Review Body*

