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Dear Peter

### **THE NORTHERN IRELAND PRISON SERVICE 2018/19 PAY ROUND**

I am writing to request the re-engagement of the Prison Service Pay Review Body to provide a Report and recommendations in respect of 2018 pay for operational staff in the Northern Ireland Prison Service.

In my letter of 18 January, I explained that Ronnie Armour, Director General of the NI Prison Service and I had both reluctantly agreed to withdraw the 2017 activation letter. I also explained that we both valued the significant benefits to be gained from the independent recommendations of the Review Body. Negotiations in respect of the 2017/18 pay round between NIPS Senior Management and the trade unions are ongoing. The Northern Ireland Prison Service will update you on the conclusion of those negotiations, but I am conscious that the 2018 pay remit now needs to be considered.

I would be grateful if you could consider when visits could take place and the timescales for evidence and reporting for the 2018 pay round. Following this, I would ask that your Secretariat liaise with the Northern Ireland Prison Service, to discuss the detail of any arrangements to be made in this respect.

Once the Prison Service has confirmation of the timescales involved for the 2018 pay round, Ronnie Armour will make a decision on whether to seek temporary approval from the Department of Finance for paying incremental progression for 2018.

Yours sincerely



**N P PERRY**