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BY EMAIL

Dear Lucy,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 30 October 2019, asking for the Prison Service Pay Review Body to formally commence the 2020/21 pay round. In your letter you ask that the Review Body provide its recommendations to you no later than week commencing 6 April 2020.

Following receipt of your letter, the secretariat has engaged closely with HMPPS officials to establish an appropriate date for the submission of written evidence from the Government. In light of the general election a deadline of Friday 7 February was reached which all parties agreed was achievable. For the fourth year running, this deadline has been missed and there is no clear indication when will receive the Government's written evidence so we may formally begin the pay round. These delays, with the consequential disruption to our timetable and the considerable inconvenience this provides to the other parties, are unacceptable and undermine our process. They are also further delaying the date by which we can send our report to the Government, and therefore the timescales for our remit group to receive a pay award.

On behalf of our remit group and the other parties, I would welcome your assurance that we will receive the evidence very soon so we may complete our normal processes and submit a report before Parliament rises in July.



I look forward to seeing you during oral evidence and, as you indicated in your letter of 16 December, continuing to build a strong and constructive working relationship.

Yours sincerely



Tim Flesher

Chair, Prison Service Pay Review Body

