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Dear Lea

Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) Remit 2026/27 – PSNI Chief Officers

I wrote to you on 19 February to confirm my acceptance of the 2025/26 recommendations for senior PSNI officers and advise that a pay remit business case has been invited from the Northern Ireland Policing Board.

I am now writing to request that the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB) commences the 2026/27 pay round for chief police officers of the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI).

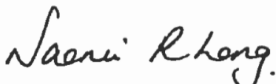
I would ask that the SSRB considers the following issues:

- How to apply the pay award for PSNI chief officers taking into account the principle of broad alignment with chief officers in England and Wales; and
- The regular element of the Northern Ireland Transitional Allowance which will also be considered by the Police Remuneration Review Body (PRRB) for the ranks of Chief Superintendent and below in relation to the Northern Ireland security threat level for police officers.

It would be appreciated if the SSRB considers the affordability and budgetary position, along with the different funding structure available in Northern Ireland. Further detail on this will be set out in both written and oral evidence. My officials will also liaise with the SSRB to arrange a suitable date for the oral evidence meeting.

I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

Yours sincerely



NAOMI LONG MLA
Minister of Justice

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