

Dear

As a NI Civil Servant, and as one of your constituents, I have been advised by my trade union, NIPSA that the pay remit for the NICS has been set at 1% by the Department of Finance, Permanent Secretary. I had been told that the pay cap has been lifted and that public sector workers (including civil servants) would receive a pay increase above the pay cap.

As you will appreciate NI Civil Servants have received either no pay increase or 1% pay increases over the last number of years and our pay has fallen significantly behind what it should be. I have continued to deliver vital public services against a backdrop of the Voluntary Exit Scheme the absence of an Assembly and other major reforms which have changed the workplace. I do believe it is appropriate that NI Civil Servants receive a decent and meaningful pay increase which would better reflect the role we perform.

I would therefore ask that you raise this matter directly with the Department of Finance, Permanent Secretary, Sue Gray who has set the NICS Pay Remit for 2018/19 at 1%. This is totally unacceptable and would mean for another year that my pay falls further behind and living costs rising.

For your information NIPSA's claim is for 7% which is fully justified and reflects the position of inflation increases since 2013.

I would be willing to meet with you to discuss this issue in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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