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Dear Mr Burns,

Further to your email of 30 January, in which you request the disclosure of information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, I am now in a position to respond and answer each of your questions in turn below.

**1. In total how many pensioners does the PS administer pensions for?**

62,627 as at 31/3/2013

**2. How many Schemes does the PS administer and who are they?**

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- The Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of Lancashire County Council
- The Fire Pension Schemes (Old and New) on behalf of Lancashire's Fire and Rescue Service
- The Police Pension Schemes (Old and New) on behalf of Lancashire's Police & Crime Commissioner
- The Teachers Compensation Scheme on behalf of Lancashire County Council
- The Local Government Pension Scheme on behalf of Cumbria County Council
- The Fire pension Schemes (Old and New) on behalf of Cumbria County Council
- The Teachers Compensation Scheme on behalf of Cumbria County Council

**3. What is the total gross budget that the PS administered in the year 2012/2013?**

£2.85m

**4. How much Net was paid out to pensioners?**

£302m during 2012/13

**5. What is the number of staff the PS employ directly to administer these PS?**

66 FTE

**6. How many are staff are allocated to each Scheme?**

Approximately 25% of staff are involved in the administration of Scheme's

administered on behalf of Cumbria County Council.  
Approximately 75% of staff are involved in the administration of the Scheme's administered on behalf of the various authorities in Lancashire.

**7. What was the gross expenditure in staff salaries and expenses for the year 2012/2013?**

£1.9m

**8. How many members of staff hold specialist pension management qualifications including the Head of the Service?**

13 staff hold specialist pension management qualifications  
5 staff are part way through qualifications

**9. What are the nationally recognised qualifications which are desirable in members of the pension administration staff?**

CIPP- Foundation Degree in Pensions Administration & Management  
IPPM – Diploma in Pensions Management  
CIPFA – Certificate of Payroll & Superannuation Administration

**10. When was the last occasion the Audit Commission inspected the PS and where can a copy of the Report be obtained?**

The Audit Commission did have an inspection role (as distinct from its audit role), but it never used its inspection powers in relation to Lancashire's Pension Service.

I trust my response is to your satisfaction, but if you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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