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The Pensions Regulator

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**FAO Ms.Christina Burton-Consultant Technical Adviser TPR**

### **Parliamentary Select Committee - Work & Pensions.**

#### **Firefighters Pension Schemes.**

Dear Ms. Burton,

I am disappointed, that as the designated contact person, appointed by Ms.L.Titcomb to deal with these material matters reported to you as a 'whistleblower', and regularly supplemented with supporting evidence which you requested from me, that you have not had the courtesy to deal directly with me in arriving at your conclusions which your Mr. M.White presumably delivered on your and Ms. Titcomb's behalf in today's email @ 11:26.

It is little comfort to me, or those I represent, that at least you are consistent in misleading us. This is the second deplorable occasion over several years when you have chosen to do so.

It must not be forgotten that you chose to approach me and misled me into believing that if I supplied you with the detailed evidence to support my 'whistleblowing' report to the Select Committee, which indeed I did, that a thorough and detailed investigation would follow.

All of this was in fact a complete falsehood because neither you nor TPR had the slightest intention of honouring what you informed me, and which I in turn informed the Select Committee, that you would do. You are gravely disrespectful to us all.

I cannot regard your misbehaviour as other than gross misconduct in a civil servant. You have caused not only me public embarrassment but you set out to deliberately mislead the Select Committee and thus the House in this self-evident misconduct, to say little of your failure to comply with the provisions of the Statute law.

You have deliberately set out, on this second occasion to once more deceive, not only myself and those I represent but the Select Committee. A cynical exercise during which you deliberately raised and dashed our hopes of Justice and Fair Play; a malicious intent which is simply unforgivable.

You, Ms Titcomb, and TPR, both individually and severally, have chosen to ignore and take no action on the numerous and obvious Statutory breaches of the Pensions Act 1993(as amended) by our collective Pension Scheme administrators which I have reported to you.

A choice, to take no action, which is not a provision of the Act.

This has now led to another TPR embarrassing failure which is the failure of TPR's Statutory duty for which there can be no satisfactory or acceptable explanation. That once more is publicly consistent.

You feebly hide behind s82 Pensions Act 2004 in saying that my reported matters are 'restricted information' when you are fully aware that all these pension abuses have been regularly published worldwide on my website. This is stretching your disingenuity to a new level.

I reject outright the notion which you advance that you have no financial provisions for such an investigation when you and Ms.Titcomb are fully aware that this year you received a supplementary budget uplift of £3.5 million to directly address such matters which was raised before the Select Committee and which the Minister of State for DWP approved.

The fact of the matter is in peddling your falsehoods that you have not carried out a single investigation of a single reported Statutory breach. How would I know? Because in insulting our intelligence you fail to understand or recognise that within the family of the Fire Service there is little that happens that is not observed and reported in loyalty to us, the disenfranchised.

You state ... "I am aware that you have been informed that the regulator is unable to assist you and that you have raised your concerns through the UK Courts.". This is simply

yet another falsehood of spin when you would have been better employed investigating actual reported Statutory breaches of Pension Law.

I would be obliged if you have such evidence that you should produce it publicly; the actual copies of documentation; the author/supplier; their source because inevitably we will publicly demand that you support these statements before the Select Committee.

Indeed, you will be required to report in detail exactly what you did and what you scandalously failed to do.

You, and Ms. Titcomb, have serious public questions to answer in why you chose to deceive not only us but the Select Committee. Questions which will not only be raised by Members of the Select Committee but by our political cross party supporters in the House.

In this 21<sup>st</sup> Century it is not acceptable that you and Ms. Titcomb choose to treat us a poor tinkers waiting at your gate of benevolence.

May I remind you that one day you may be grateful for a vigilant pension watchdog who you will expect to defend your civil servant pensions.

This scandalous matter is far from concluded.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul P Burns". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul P. Burns. GFireE

Divisional Fire Officer (Rtd)