21st September 2018.

The Pensions Ombudsman Mr.A.Arter 11 Belgrave Road London SW1V 1RB FOA Mr.Strachan

The Pensions Ombudsman – Pensions' Complaints.

Dear Mr. Strachan,

Thank you for your email of the 19th inst @ 14:24:22hrs.

1. I can confirm that you are correct in that following earlier exploratory correspondence, with my Pension Provider and the LFRS, I became fully aware that I was not being paid the correct pension, at which point on the 16th December 2015, I implemented Stage I of the Statutory IDRP to permit the Chief Fire Officer to formally respond to my pension questions.

2. The CFO responded on19th February 2016 in which he stated:

"As your retirement was due to ill health you became entitled to an ill health pension under Regulation B3 therefore the ordinary pension under Regulation is not due, as indicated part (1) (c) of the extract below:" ..extract supplied.

3. As a consequence, exercising further Statutory procedures, I continued to ask why then was I being paid a Rule B1 pension?

4. I am pleased to note that this Complaint will finally be placed by you, after LFRS and TPO inordinate delays, before a legally qualified adjudicator who will be capable of understanding the complexities and legal nuances of the reading of the law raised in the Barristers' Opinions attached to my Complaint.

5. Can I thank you for your personal enduring patience and courtesy in dealing with this matter.



Yours Sincerely,

F. M. Guille MIFireE. Asst Divisional Fire Officer(Rtd)