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Please find attached a copy of correspondence recently received from the Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, in response to representations made on your behalf regarding the draft amending directions for public service pension schemes.

I hope this clarifies the Government's position on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Charles Walker OBE MP



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Dear Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 10 December enclosing correspondence from the Chairman of the Hertfordshire Police and Crime Panel, Councillor Tim Hutchings, on the draft amending directions for public service pension schemes.

The provisional police funding settlement demonstrates this is a Government which backs the police with the resources required to do their vital job. It is the most generous police funding increase since 2010, taking overall police funding to up to £14bn next year. The settlement confirmed that policing will receive £153m of additional funding for pensions costs next year as a result of the statutory valuations required by the 2013 legislation. This is in addition to a £161m increase to Government grant funding (a real-terms protection), and flexibility for Police and Crime Commissioners to increase their police precept level by up to £2 a month for a typical (Band D) household.

The Spending Review next year will address provision for future years, taking into consideration all costs facing departments.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing engagement in this process. Though the fact that the eventual outcome of the valuations had not been anticipated presented a challenge this year, I welcome the fact that it will lead to more generous pensions for the police officers who keep us safe and deserve the very highest recognition for that.

Best wishes,

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RT HON ELIZABETH TRUSS MP