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**John Barton: National General Secretary**

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Date: 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2008

Fergus Ewing MSP  
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Dear Minister

I write to you with reference to your letter to the Under Secretary of State Parmjit Dhanda concerning ill health awards and your press release on the 10<sup>th</sup> February on the same issue.

On behalf of our members in Scotland I would wish to thank you for bringing about this development and, as such, I would also hope that this approach will be mirrored elsewhere in the UK.

Whilst your announcement goes some way in addressing the pension issue for those personnel to whom the Firemans Pension Scheme applies, unless I have misunderstood there remains an outstanding issue regarding new entrants to the RDS who were employed post 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

For these new employees the provision, should they be injured on duty, is within a compensation scheme which will only provide compensation based upon a pro rata comparison to their wholetime colleagues.

Can I therefore request that you give this matter some consideration please?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Barton', written in a cursive style.

John Barton  
National General Secretary