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Dear Pdraig

Public Service Pay Commission

I am writing to you in connection with the Public Service Pay Commission which has been tasked by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr Paschal Donohoe TD, with providing evidence based analysis on public service pay matters to the Government.

I wish to thank you for providing statistical support to the secretariat of the Commission following my request last November. The official seconded from the Central Statistics Office, on a part time basis, has been making a very valuable contribution to the Commission's work.

I understand that the forthcoming publication by the CSO, using its Structure of Earnings Survey (SES) Administrative data 2011-2014 in the format of the discontinued National Employment Survey, will not now be released until February. The Commission is scheduled to report in Quarter 2 of 2017 and requires access to data in respect of pay trends and rates in the public and other sectors to successfully fulfil its mandate within the given timeframe. In order to facilitate timely completion of this initial report, early access to the 2011-2014 SES data in the National Employment Survey format would greatly assist the Commission in meeting its data requirements.

Your assistance in these matters would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary General