An Coimisiún um Pá na Seirbhíse Poiblí PUBLIC SERVICE PAY COMMISSION

St Stephen's Green House, Dublin 2.

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Dear Colin.

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's opening submission to the Public Service Pay Commission stated that "based on the evidence available there is no problem recruiting new entrants in general to the public service - measured by number of applications received, number of appointments made and the overall growth in employee numbers." The submission did however mention the Public Appointments Service's identification of senior posts and specialist posts as areas where there may be potential recruitment issues.

Over the past few months the Commission have received submissions from representative groups, particularly unions representing staff from the health sector, which present an opposing view on the issues of recruitment and retention. In this regard I would like to invite officials from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to attend the Commission's meeting on Tuesday 7th February to discuss these matters in further detail. Officials from the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive will also be in attendance. Further correspondence will clarify the precise time of the meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

David Denny

Secretary