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Huw,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February 2024 about the **Firefighters' Pension Schemes and Compensation Scheme (Amendment) (Wales) Order 2024**.

As set out in our response to your third reporting point, the Welsh Government acknowledges that the English and Welsh texts of new rule 5C(7) (inserted by paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 1 to the Order) are not consistent, and we will need to amend the Welsh text accordingly.

My officials are currently preparing an instrument which will make various miscellaneous amendments to firefighters' pensions legislation in Wales. Those amendments will include provision to correct the Welsh text of new rule 5C(7). I expect to make that instrument within the next 8 to 10 weeks.

In the meantime, taking into account the context and content of the provision as a whole, and when comparing the Welsh text with the English text, I consider that the meaning of the provision will reasonably be interpreted in line with the English text.

For that reason and on the basis that I will be making further pensions legislation shortly, I consider it appropriate to address the necessary correction as part of the upcoming wider amending instrument.

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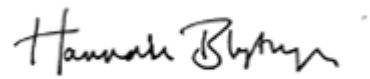
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hannah Blythyn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small mark at the end.

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