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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Mr

Thank you for writing to me about police pensions.

Public service pension benefits continue to outpace both private scheme benefits and the contributions that are collected to fund them, with taxpayers' money currently meeting the difference. This cannot continue to be justified at a time when public expenditure needs to be controlled.

In his interim report, Lord Hutton highlights the importance of the public sector to the health of our society and the success of our economy. And, as you point out, public sector pensions serve as a reward for public service. Lord Hutton is particularly concerned to ensure that changes to public service pensions do not undermine either of these objectives. The final report will be published in time for the 2011 Budget.

I can assure you that this Government is committed to providing public service pensions that are sustainable, fair and effective, and that the Government and I value the enormous and brave contribution police officers like you make to keep this country safe.

Thank you once again for taking the time to contact me.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham".

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