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Dear Caroline Dinenage

Armed Forces Pensions for Service Pre 1975

Whilst I appreciate you are relatively new as a Member of Parliament it is not the responsibility of constituents to correspond with Government Ministers on behalf of their MPs. It is the responsibility of MPs to correspond with Government Ministers on behalf of their constituents ! I am one of your constituents and you are my Member of Parliament.

I trust that although the information and questions I have put before you as the Secretary General of The Combined Armed Forces Federation UK, you also fully appreciate they apply equally to myself as one of your constituents. You are my personal Parliamentary representative and as such I have every right to expect you to be so and to keep me informed and updated with any developments and progress as necessary. If you are of the opinion that aspects of these pension claims I have referred you to would also be better addressed to the Treasury Minister, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban MP, in relation to my own or our Federation's interests, would you please refer them to him as a matter of urgency ? It is now a whole year since your Government came to office and to date there has been no progress in satisfying my legitimate claims to these Pensions and Gratuities whatever ! In the meantime three of our members have deceased and been cheated of their benefits whilst they were alive ! Yes – this amounts to benefit cheating !

It is also three months now since I wrote to you on February 25th 2011 with a series of questions to which I have had no acknowledgement or response to date ?

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Before you were prepared to put a question to the Prime Minister at question time you asked me first of all to await the reply to the questions you forwarded for me to the Minister of Defence. To resubmit my claims to the new MOD Internal Dispute Resolution Procedure once again, also the Civil Service Internal Dispute Resolution procedure and, to await the outcome of my application to the Pensions Ombudsman's Service. These procedures have taken up many hours of my time and six months to await their responses. None of these responses have attempted to answer or confront the legality of my claims or the Government's legal obligations to pay my Pension

and Gratuity for my years of service in the Armed Forces prior to 1975 as you know. This exercise has been a further total waste of time as I predicted.

As to whether you are prepared to address me as Secretary General of The Combined Armed Forces Federation UK is concerned, I feel sure that if Admiral Sir Somebody or other wrote to you as a constituent with a similar problem which affected himself and other members of the Royal Navy, you would have no problems in addressing him as such?

Would you now please address the questions I put to you in my letter dated February 25th 2011 and consider putting a question to the Prime Minister at question time as discussed at our meeting last year ?

You will appreciate it is with some considerable disappointment and reluctance I find myself having to write to you in this way. I shall look forward to your reply at your earliest possible convenience and not that of your Senior Political Advisor. **You are my Member of Parliament – not Mr Glen Duggan.**

Yours sincerely

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David Robson
Secretary General
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What was
Glen Duggan's
role in the QWH
inquiry