

13 June 2017

Mr. Tom Geraghty  
Secretary  
Public Services Committee  
ICTU

Dear Tom,

I note your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> June and I am writing to set out for clarity certain understandings reached last week in the context of the negotiations on a new Public Service Stability Agreement (PSSA) 2018-2020.

Firstly, on certain issues where commitments were entered into under the Lansdowne Road Agreement ahead of the recent negotiations, the following was agreed:

- The consequential increase of €500 in the rate of Rent Allowance and associated salary scale consolidations for Prison Officers and Firefighters on foot of the Labour Court recommendations on An Garda Síochána.
- Further to agreement reached at the WRC on 4 March 2017 under the framework of the Lansdowne Road Agreement, the restoration of a number of allowances for post-2012 new entrant nurses as follows:
  - Midwifery Qualification
  - Registered general nurse in the community
  - Nurse co-ordinator allowance
  - Specialist co-ordinator allowance (nurse tutors)
  - Nurses assigned to occupational therapy

The effective date for the above will be 1 July 2017.

In addition, the following new commitments were given:

- Extension of the Rent Allowance to those small number of full-time Firefighters not already in receipt of it;

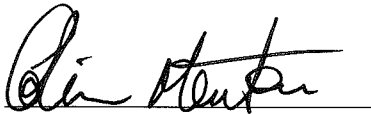
- Restoration of the following allowances for post-2012 new entrants:
  - Allowance for radiologists working in the Breast Check Unit in the health sector;
  - Livestock Allowance for certain technical officers in the Department of Agriculture; and
  - Tool Allowance for craft workers in the Local Authorities, OPW, and health and education sectors.

The effective date for the above will be 1 January 2018.

Implementation of all of the above measures is conditional on the ratification of new Agreement by the unions/associations concerned.

In the interests of transparency, the Minister has agreed that details relating to the above should be published on his Department's website.

Yours sincerely,



**Colin Menton**

**Assistant Secretary**

**Remuneration, Industrial Relations**

**& Pensions Division**