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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your letter of 30 August to the Prime Minister, about public sector pay. Your letter has been passed to the Treasury and I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

Public sector workers deserve to have fulfilling jobs that are fairly rewarded. In September, the Government announced a move away from the across the board one per cent public sector pay policy, towards a more flexible approach on pay.

We still need to deal with our country's debts to ensure we have a strong economy to enable us to invest in our public services. This means that we will continue to take a balanced approach to public spending.

The Government will consider each specific workforce to ensure pay is set so that we can continue to both attract and hold on to the excellent staff that support our world-leading public services.

Before we make final decisions on pay awards, we will seek the views of the eight independent Pay Review Bodies, which will consider the evidence on how we ensure we attract and retain the very best people within our public services, like giving people more flexibility over their working hours.

They will report in Spring 2018, at which point we will consider their recommendations and announce public sector pay awards for each of those workforces.

Thank you again for your letter.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Truss'.

RT HON ELIZABETH TRUSS MP