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FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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To: All Joint Branch Board Secretaries

Dear Colleagues

COMMUTATION TABLES: OFFICERS SERVING BEYOND 30 YEARS

We recently wrote to the Home Office to seek clarification with regards to the application of the new commutation tables in respect of officers who continue serving beyond 30 pensionable years (and are still in service but not on the 30+ scheme), but who ceased paying pension contributions before 1 October 2007.

In their response the Home Office concurred with us that it is the date of retirement (or pension coming into payment) that is crucial in determining eligibility for the new commutation factors not the date at which the officer ceased paying contributions. The reference to the actuarial equivalent of the surrendered portion of the pension in regulation B7(7) of the 1987 Regulations is tied to the date of retirement.

Therefore, officers who have ceased paying pension contributions whose retirement takes place after 1 October 2007, will, if they elect to take a lump sum, be entitled to receive the recently announced increased commutation values.

The Home Office has agreed to place a note on the police pensions forum to clarify this point for pensions administrators.

Yours sincerely

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General Secretary

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