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Ms Stephanie Fitzpatrick

Chair

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Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick,

The Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform has asked me to reply on his behalf to your correspondence dated 9th June 2023 which relates to the approval of an increase to pensions in payment under the RTE Superannuation Scheme.

The rules of the RTE Superannuation Scheme allow for increases to be granted to pensions in payment subject to the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform.

The procedure for a commercial state body, such as RTÉ, seeking Ministerial consent for a pension increase is addressed by this Department's Circular 16/2021 which amended the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

As specified by the Circular the request for Ministerial approval must be made in the first instance to the parent Department of the State Body. In the event that the parent Minister wishes to approve a pension increase, the parent Department must communicate their intention to the Minister for Public and Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, and request his consent.

The Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform has not yet received a request from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media for the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure to a pension increase. The Minister will give due consideration to any request for his consent that is received from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media.

Yours sincerely

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Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform