



Ms. Phil Healy

9th September 2026

Our Ref: CCS-MO-02103-2026

Dear Ms. Healy,

I refer to your letter dated 31 July 2026 to the Minister for Culture, Communications and Sport, Patrick O'Donovan TD, regarding a proposed pension increase of 4% for retired and deferred members of the RTÉ Superannuation Scheme (RTÉSA), with effect from 01 January 2026.

As you have mentioned, the Department wrote to the Trustees last October approving the 2025 pension increase for the RTÉSA and setting out conditions in respect of future pension increase requests. The Chair of the Trustees of the Scheme wrote to both the Min/CCS and Min/PER on 13 April formally requesting the pension increase for 2026. RTÉ wrote to the Department on 16 July, confirming that the Board had approved the increase and fulfilling the other conditions set out by the Department last October.

I can confirm that the Department has submitted the consent request along with supporting actuarial report and other required documents to NewERA for their consideration and analysis. The Department will review NewERA's report and recommendations in respect of this increase when received and submit the consent request and NewERA report for the Minister's consideration for his decision at the appropriate time. The consent request, if approved by the Minister, will also require the consent of the Min/PER. The Department is conscious of the needs of RTÉSA pensioners and will endeavour to progress the request internally as quickly as possible.

Thank you for writing to the Minister and your kind words wishing him well in his recovery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Darren Clarke', is placed above the printed name.

Darren Clarke
Private Secretary