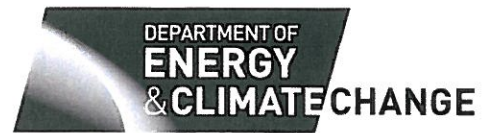


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CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY

Dear Geraldine,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September 2009 to Ed Miliband, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, PC James Owens, about pay and conditions for Civil Nuclear Constabulary Police (CNC) Officers. I am replying as this matter falls within my portfolio and apologise for the lengthy delay in doing so. Unfortunately my officials have no record of having received the earlier correspondence.

CNC police officers' pay, terms and conditions are different to those of their Home Office colleagues. For pay purposes it was determined over 30 years ago by the Wright Review that the then UKAEA Constabulary officers' pay was to be fixed at 95% of that agreed for Home Office officers. This has continued to the present day.

The Civil Nuclear Police Authority (CNPA) has decided that in light of the developing capability of the CNC and the challenges presented by the prospect of nuclear new build that the time is right to carry out a comprehensive review of pay, terms and conditions of its officers and staff. This review has become known as the Futures Programme. The appropriate consultative and negotiating mechanisms are already in place within the CNC, with both the Civil Nuclear Police Federation and Prospect officials engaged with the review team. The CNPA expect to receive recommendations for change toward the end of 2010.

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Dear Mr. Dennis,

18 March 2010

Thank you for your letter of 29 January about the answer to a Parliamentary Question on security at the Category III civil licensed nuclear sites at Capenhurst and Springfields. I apologise for the lengthy delay in replying.

The UK's civil nuclear sites apply stringent security measures regulated by the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS) and the Government is determined that the security at all civil licensed nuclear sites is both effective and proportionate. Security at nuclear sites is kept under regular review in the light of the prevailing threat.

On the specific issue you raise concerning the arming of CNC officers, where the Chief Constable chooses to keep or store police weapons is entirely an operational matter for him to decide and not for me to comment on.

Yours sincerely,

David Kidney

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