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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter dated 5 November requesting a meeting to discuss the pension age for Civil Nuclear Constabulary officers, and to invite me to visit your dedicated national training centre.

I am aware of the concerns raised; my officials are carrying out an equality analysis of the impact of pension age on people protected under the Equality Act 2010. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) set out in Section 149 of that Act. I will take a decision on whether to seek a change in government policy to maintain the current pension age for CNC officers once I have reviewed the equality analysis and any other relevant evidence.

My officials will be in contact about arranging a meeting for early in 2018.

In addition, I am planning a trip to Sellafield, possibly for January 2018. If it goes ahead, it may be that this visit can be widened to include the newly built firearms training facility.

In the interim, I continue to assure you that, at any time prior to a meeting, I am more than happy to review any written representations submitted by the CNPF containing relevant information on CNC pension age that has not previously been submitted. I will fully consider this when considering whether or not to seek the introduction of new legislation to amend government policy in order to provide CNC officers with a different pension age from that currently provided for in legislation.

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