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Dear Minister,

As I am sure you are aware this Authority has been in dialogue with your department since July concerning the issue around the injury compensation scheme arrangement for firefighters and the potential overpayment since April 2006. We contacted Andrew Cornelius on the 27th October and we are still awaiting confirmation from the Department for Communities and Local Government as we had requested for the legal basis for the potential overpayment and the next steps in relation to any potential repayment schedule or if interest will be charged.

Our auditor from Ernst & Young will not sign off the accounts for 2013/14 until the basis for DCLG's claim and its intentions are confirmed by the DCLG. This delay in responding is causing the Authority some concern and I would request that a decision is made as soon as possible or the timing of any decision be communicated to allow this Authority to resolve the matter.

Attached is the letter sent on 6th October with additional correspondence via email on 20th October with Neil O'Connor and Andrew Cornelius on 27th October.

I look forward to your earliest response.

Yours sincerely,

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