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Dear Sir / Madam

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON EMPLOYER DISCRETIONS

With reference to the above and as a pension provider to employees of the Commission for Social Care Inspection, I hereby inform you of the decision made at the Commission meeting of 8th September 2004.

The Commissioners considered the discretionary policies and agreed as follows:-

1. shared cost additional voluntary contributions (regulation 67) – an SCAVC should not be introduced at the present time;
2. early payment of benefit (regulation 31) - Commissioners will consider applications made under regulation 31 on an individual basis;
3. augmentation of scheme membership (regulation 52) - decisions regarding the use of regulation 52 will be made depending on the merits of each case.

I hope this meets with your approval and advise should you require any further details, in the first instance, please do not hesitate to contact Bernice Sheperia, Pensions Administrator at the above address – TEL: 0191 2333529.

Yours faithfully

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