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| To: | NEC Pensions Advisory Sub-Committee | 15 May 2024  2024/00430 |

Dear Colleague

## Select committee report - PPF

The Work and Pensions Committee report on its inquiry into defined benefit pensions was published on 26 March:

[Defined benefit pension schemes (parliament.uk)](https://committees.parliament.uk/publications/44035/documents/218268/default/)

It made recommendations about improving compensation for PPF members, including the lack of indexation for compensation in respect of pension accrued before April 1997.

This was in line with the written and oral evidence Prospect had given to the committee since the inquiry opened.

The following press release was issued when the report was launched:

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| **Garry Graham, Deputy General Secretary of Prospect**, responding to the Commons Work and ﻿Pensions﻿ Committee report into defined benefit ﻿pension﻿ schemes, said:  “The recommendations of this report back up Prospect’s concern that many ﻿PPF﻿ members, disproportionately older and more likely to be women, have seen devastating reductions in real incomes because their compensation was completely frozen, even during the cost-of-living crisis.  “The funding position of the ﻿PPF﻿ is now so strong that it is already likely to meet all potential future claims. But so far only ﻿employers﻿ have benefited from that while some ﻿pensioners﻿ remain in penury.  “The Government should prioritise changes to legislation to allow for ﻿inflation﻿ protection for all ﻿PPF﻿ members.” |

Yours sincerely

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