



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

29 June 1982

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Dear Sir Harold

Thank you for your letter of 9 June with which you forwarded the recommendations of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body on the pay of Service medical and dental officers.

I am writing to tell you that the Government have accepted the Review Body's recommendations in full. I will be announcing this decision by means of a written answer in the House of Commons on 30 June. The supplement to the Eleventh Report will be published at the same time as Command 8573.

On the occasion of your last report as Chairman of the AFPRB, I should like to thank you once again for the long and valuable service you have performed in this role, and to wish you well for the future. I should be grateful if you would convey my thanks to all members of the Review Body for their work in producing this report.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir Harold Atcherley

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28th June 1982

Dear Michael,

My Secretary of State has seen Sir Harold Atcherley's letter of 9th June to the Prime Minister covering the Supplementary report by the AFPRB on the pay of Service medical and dental officers.

The report recommends gross increases in pay ranging from 4.2% for a newly appointed Cadet to 8.9% for a medical Brigadier, representing an increase of 5.8% over the current pay bill at a cost of £1.7M. The recommended scales of pay take account of the recent 5.7% award to the General Medical Practitioner in the National Health Service who provides the civilian analogue. Recommendations on pay and consultant pay are weighted towards the more senior levels to provide an incentive to retention for the more experienced officer. My Secretary of State notes that these recommendations, which have been accepted by his colleagues in the other Whitehall departments most closely concerned, cause no difficulties. We suggest, therefore, that an announcement should be made by way of a reply to a written question. The report is ready for publication by HMSO, and to allow for the positioning of copies in the Library it is suggested that the announcement might be made on Wednesday 30th June. For this purpose I enclose a draft, together with a draft letter for the Prime Minister to send to Sir Harold Atcherley.

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I am copying this to the recipients of your letter.

Yours ever,

Jane Ridley

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Mr Scholar

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A prompt answer has been made today ~~and~~ announcing these decisions. The letter to Sir Harold has been despatched. Phew!

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QUESTION

To ask the Prime Minister if she will make a statement about the pay of medical and dental officers in the Armed Forces.

ANSWER

Following the earlier acceptance in full of the recommendations of the Eleventh Report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, the Government have now decided to increase the pay of Service medical and dental officers by amounts averaging 5.8% from 1 April 1982 in accordance with recommendations contained in a supplementary report by the Review Body, which is published today as Cmnd 8573. Copies are available in the Vote office.

DRAFT LETTER TO SIR HAROLD ATCHERLEY

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20 June 1982

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 9 June which I will place before the Prime Minister.

A reply will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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Sir Harold Atcherley



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Prime Minister ⁽²⁾

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP
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9 June 1982

We will let you
have a reply as
soon as possible

Dear Prime Minister,

ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY

(They are recommending
increases which will cost

I enclose the Review Body's supplementary report on the pay of medical and dental officers in the armed forces, which as you know we could not complete until the Government had made known its decisions on increases in the pay of doctors and dentists in the National Health Service. ^{5.8% on the pay bill)}

As this is the last occasion on which it falls to me to submit a report to you as Chairman of the Review Body, I should like to place on record the great satisfaction I have derived from carrying out this task over the last eleven years. It is my firm belief that the review body system provides the best possible basis for settling the pay of the armed services. ^{Me) 10/6}

I am grateful to all my colleagues on the Review Body who have worked so hard and so constructively with me in carrying out our reviews. Finally, I should like in particular to pay warm tribute to the quality and devotion of the service that we have received from the staff of the Office of Manpower Economics. Their professionalism in the complex field of pay and associated matters is outstanding and I cannot envisage that any body such as ours could be better served.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Atcherley

HAROLD ATCHERLEY, CHAIRMAN
ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY

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From the Private Secretary

10 June 1982

Dear David,

I attach a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from Sir Harold Atcherley, Chairman of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, about the pay of medical and dental officers in the Armed Forces.

BK | I should be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply, agreed with the other Departments concerned, for the Prime Minister's signature by Monday 21 June.

I am copying this letter to Peter Jenkins (HM Treasury), David Clark (DHSS), Barnaby Shaw (Department of Employment) and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

David Omand Esq
Ministry of Defence

Michael Scholar

copies of the Report not enclosed for copy recipients.

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