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(By email)

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Dear Mr Hearn

Failure of NIFRS to Apply Pay Rise

At the most recent NJC meeting, the FBU commented that the resolution of the pay dispute was a credit to the NJC, including the employers' side. It demonstrated the value of collective bargaining and enabled us to avoid strike action.

It is therefore alarming to learn that our members in Northern Ireland have still not been paid the increase. This is unacceptable.

Please set out your plan for this and what steps you have taken to address it. You are aware that we balloted our members and that FBU members in Northern Ireland voted by 94% for a strike over pay. It is an abuse of their goodwill in settling the dispute that they have still not been paid.

To be clear, the FBU will not accept further delay and will take whatever action is necessary to resolve this matter.

I look forward to your response within seven days.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Wrack".

Matt Wrack
General Secretary