



13th February 2026

Mr Jack Chambers TD
Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure,
Public Service Reform and Digitalisation
Government Buildings
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Dear Minister Chambers,

I write to you again in respect of the ongoing delayed approval of increases in pensions to members of the eir/An Post Superannuation Scheme.

I note NewERA has provided the advice that enabled Minister McConalogue's approval. Therefore, I would expect there should be no reason to delay final approval for An Post.

In respect of eir, the approval process is taking longer than the previous increase.

There also remains the outstanding issue and delay to the approval of retrospective superannuation arrangements for those retired on health grounds in An Post.

It is a matter of consternation that, despite transparent and robust processes in the governance of the scheme, that further advice by NewERA is required to confirm what has already been established.

While acknowledging the requirement under the Act for Ministerial approval, this does not extend to the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation. This additional requirement, since put in place, in the Code of Practice, clearly requires review and amendment.

It is important to emphasise that increases to An Post and eir pensions are an annual event. In order to retain confidence and acceptance of the agreed Accord in both companies, it is imperative we do the utmost to expedite the approval process. There is a growing demand to abolish the cap, a view to which I do not currently subscribe to.

To avoid the necessity to have Pensioners take to the streets again to express their anger as demonstrated at Tuesday's rally outside Dáil Éireann, I am formally requesting an urgent meeting with you to discuss how these matters can now be brought to a prompt and satisfactory conclusion and how the process can be streamlined going forward.

I look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McDonagh
General Secretary

