



BY EMAIL

13th February 2026

Mr Charlie McConalogue TD
Minister of State
Department of Culture, Communications and Sport
Leeson Lane
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Re eir/An Post Superannuation Schemes

Dear Minister McConalogue,

I acknowledge with thanks, your letter of 9th February 2026, confirming your approval of the increases in pensions to members of the An Post Superannuation Scheme.

While this represents a positive development, the absence of a clear timeline for final approval by the Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation remains a serious concern to pensioners. In this regard I note NewERA has provided the advice that enabled your approval, so I would expect there should be no reason to delay final approval.

Appreciating it is not your direct responsibility, the approval process for the agreed increase to eir pensioners is taking a considerably longer period than the previous application.

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

I agree, as per your correspondence, that the operation of the scheme is a matter between management of an Post, staff representatives and trustees. However, 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.

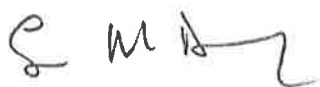
It is important to emphasise that increases to An Post and eir pensions are an annual event. In order to retain confidence and acceptance of the agreed Accord in both companies, it is imperative we do the utmost to expedite the approval process. There is a growing demand to abolish the cap, a view to 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. McDonagh', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Seán McDonagh
General Secretary