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20th October 2026

Re: An Post Superannuation Schemes

Dear Minister,

I refer to my letter to the Minister for Communications Mr O'Donovan, copy attached, issued on the 7th August 2026, to which I have not received a response.

While I do appreciate recent events may have contributed to this, it is most disconcerting the approval authorising An Post to pay an agreed pensionable increase of 2%, effective from 1st January 2026 has not been finalised.

At this time An Post Pensioners are in great need of this increase, as they do not benefit from state pension increases. They are most frustrated and annoyed as to the delay which is creating wholly unnecessary distress for them and their dependents.

Once again, I wish to remind you that these increases are funded by the workers' Superannuation Schemes and do not require State funding.

My understanding is that the process of approval by the Department of Communications has been completed and referred to your department.

Your earliest attention to this matter and confirmation of approval would be appreciated.

I await your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McDonagh
General Secretary

c.c. Minister Patrick O'Donovan, Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture and Sport





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Mr Patrick O'Donovan TD
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7th August 2026

Re: An Post Superannuation Schemes

Dear Minister,

I hope this correspondence finds you well following your recent illness and I wish you speedy recuperation.

My understanding is your department is considering a request by An Post for approval to pay an agreed pensionable increase of 2%, effective from 1st January 2026.

You will appreciate that at this time, An Post Pensioners are in great need of this increase as they do not benefit from state increases. They find it difficult to understand why there is no clear timeline for approval of pension increases and the failure to provide certainty creates unnecessary distress.

While accepting a requirement for some oversight, the fact is the An Post Superannuation Scheme has recently received rigorous examination by your Department, New Era and the Department of Public Expenditure. Therefore, prolonged detailed examination should not be required again and it should be possible to finalise in early September.

Your earliest attention to ensuring this would be appreciated and I look forward to an early and positive response.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McDonagh
General Secretary



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