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Prime Minister

The Chancellor would like

Dear Michael,

This considered at the TSRB meeting
(on Thursday). That will not hold up
an announcement, in the

My Secretary of State has seen the Supplementary Report by the AFPRB on the pay of Service medical and dental officers which you sent under cover of your letter dated 9th June. He has also seen the Chancellor of the Exchequer's suggestion on handling in his Private Secretary's letter of 20th June, which I believe has now been copied to you.

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The Supplementary Report recommends gross increases in pay for medical and dental officers of about 6.6% at 1st April 1983 rising to 9.3% on 1st January 1984. This represents an increase of 7.1% over the current pay bill for those officers, costing £2.15m. The recommended scales of pay and the phasing of the award mirror the recent pay rise given to civilian doctors and dentists following the Government's acceptance of the report from the DDRB, and of course also reflect the Government's decision to implement in full the AFPRB's recommendations on the pay of combatant Servicemen.

My Secretary of State recommends that the Government should accept the AFPRB's present recommendations. I understand that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Security concurs. Mr Heseltine assumes that the Chancellor's proposal to defer a decision until Ministers are ready to reach conclusions on the TSRB report recognises the possibility of problems with the interface between the recommended rate for a medical Brigadier (an AFPRB rank), which is £26,750, and the pay of a Major General, which is at present £25,000, with a TSRB recommendation for an increase to £27,750. If Ministers were to decide not to implement the TSRB recommendation in full the differential between the medical Brigadier and the medical Major General would be at risk.

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My Secretary of State does not believe that delay would be of any benefit. There is already no differential between the combatant Brigadier and Major General, pending decisions on the TSRB report. The present Supplementary Report is in effect a compound of two reports which the Government has accepted in full and implemented. The Government has never since 1979 rejected a recommendations from the AFRPB, and my Secretary of State very much doubts whether it is realistic to assume that Ministers might want to contemplate the possibility in relation to the medical Brigadier. He believes that the best interests of the Government lie in accepting the present report in full straight away; and he so recommends.

// If the Prime Minister agrees to an early announcement we suggest
 a draft written question and answer, together with a draft letter for
 the Prime Minister to send to Sir David Orr. HMSO will be able to
 * | publish the report by 29th June. To allow for copies of the report
 to be put in the Vote Office you may wish to arrange the announcement
 for about two days later.

I am copying this to the recipients of your letter.

Your ever

Mick Evans

(N H R EVANS)
 Private Secretary

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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

The Armed Forces Pay Review Body have submitted to me a Supplementary Report on the pay of medical and dental officers in the Armed Forces. It recommends increases in their pay of amounts averaging 6.6% from 1st April 1983 rising to 9.3% from 1st January 1984. These recommendations reflect the award to civilian doctors and dentists which I announced to the House on 12th May 1983 (OR Vol 42 No. 114 Cols 434/435). I said at the same time that the Government had accepted in full the recommendations in the Twelfth Report of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body (Cmnd 8880) on the pay of the majority of the members of the Forces.

The Government has decided to accept in full the recommendations in the Supplementary Report on the pay of medical and dental officers. The Report has been published as Cmnd 8950. Copies are available in the Vote Office.

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DRAFT LETTER TO SIR DAVID ORR

Thank you for your letter of 3rd 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 inform you that the Government has accepted the Review Body's recommendations in full. The decision ^{is} ~~will~~ being announced ^{today} by means of a written answer in the House of Commons ~~on~~ []]. The Supplement to the Twelfth Report will be published at the same time, as Cmnd 8950.

I am grateful to the Review Body members for the time and care they have put into producing this report, and I should be pleased if you could pass my personal thanks to them.

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Private Secretary to the
Secretary of State for Defence

Dear Richard,

ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY: PAY OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL OFFICERS

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has seen Michael Scholar's letter to you of 9 June.

He thinks it would be sensible to deal with the AFPRB report on Medical and Dental Officers alongside the recent report by the Top Salaries Review Body which covers grades in the armed forces medical services at Major-General level and above.

I am copying this letter to Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security).

Yours sincerely,

Margaret O'Mara

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Private Secretary

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9 June, 1983

ARMED FORCES PAY REVIEW BODY

I enclose a copy of the Review Body's Supplementary Report on the pay of medical and dental officers in the Armed Forces, which the Prime Minister received under cover of a letter from Sir David Orr on 3 June.

BF || I would be grateful if you would let me have a draft reply for the Prime Minister's signature after the necessary consultations and decisions have been taken.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to Margaret O'Mara (HM Treasury) and Steve Godber (Department of Health and Social Security).

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
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Prime Minister

This recommends a 7.1%
increase for doctors and dentists
in the Armed Forces, and takes
account of the government's

Dear Prime Minister

treatment of the

Armed Forces Pay Review Body

DDRAB abatement.

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. Our recommendations take account of those decisions.

I will resubmit
with advice,
after June 9.

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Yours sincerely
David Orr

Sir David Orr,
Chairman,
Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

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