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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 July 1984

Dear Sir David,

Thank you for your letter of 29 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. The decision will be announced by means of a written answer in the House of Commons on 20 July. The Supplement to the Thirteenth Report will be published at the same time as Cmnd 9301.

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.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Sir David Orr, MC.

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Friday 20 July 1984

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(Answered by the Prime Minister on Friday 20 July 1984)

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No. 178

Mr Bowen Wells: To ask the Prime Minister if she will make a statement about the pay of medical and dental officers in the Armed Forces.

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 staged increases in their pay of 3% from 1 April 1984 and from 5.2% to 7.5% from 1 November 1984. The average for the year is 4.6%. These recommendations reflect the awards to civilian doctors and dentists and to the main body of the Armed Forces which I announced to the House on 7 June 1984 (vol 61, cols 221/227).

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 9301. Copies are available in the Vote Office.

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17th July 1984

Dear Andrew,

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 29th June.

The main recommendations on pay mirror the staged awards to the Services and civilian doctors and dentists which were announced on 7th June 1984. Increases are proposed in the levels of the medical military salary of 3% at 1st April 1984 and from 5.2% to 7.5%, depending on rank, from 1st November 1984. The average for the year represents an increase of 4.6% over the pay bill for Service medical and dental officers for 1984/85. This compares with increases of 4.9% for the main body of the Armed Forces and 4.63% for civilian doctors and dentists.

My Secretary of State proposes that the Government should accept the AFPRB's recommendations. I understand that the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Secretary of State for Health and Social Security concur.

If the Prime Minister agrees to an early announcement, we suggest it might be made by way of a reply to a written question, and I enclose 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 print the report by 19th July and to allow for copies of the report to be put in the Vote Office you may wish to arrange the announcement for the following day.

I am copying this letter to Margaret O'Mara (HM Treasury), Steve Godber (DHSS) and Peter Gregson (Cabinet Office)

Yours sincerely
Nick Evans

(N H R EVANS)
Private Secretary

PM has approved this answer.

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QUESTION

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ANSWER

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Dear Richard

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

The Chancellor has seen Andrew Turnbull's letter to you of 29 June.

Provided the cost is met from within existing defence expenditure provisions, the Treasury has no objection to the implementation of the AFPRB recommendations.

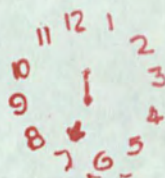
I am copying this letter to Andrew Turnbull (No 10), Steve Godber (DHSS) and Peter Gregson (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely,
 Margaret O'Mara*

MISS M O'MARA
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Dear Prime Minister

Review Body on Armed Forces Pay

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I enclose our supplementary report on the pay of medical and dental officers in the armed forces. As you will know, we could not complete our work on this until the Government's decisions on increases in pay for doctors and dentists in the National Health Service had been made known. Our recommendations take account of those decisions.

Yours sincerely,

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