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Dear Mr Elliott,

Thank you for your letter of 19 May to the Home Secretary about the decision of the Pensions Ombudsman in *Milne v GAD*. You asked for a statement of the Government's position. Your letter has been passed to the Police Workforce and Capability Unit as the team responsible for police pensions.

As you describe in your letter, Mr Milne's challenge against the Government Actuary's Department has been upheld and the Ombudsman has found that an opportunity to review the commutation factors was lost in 2001/2 and then again between 2002 and 2004.

The government accepts the Ombudsman's Determination in full and I understand the payments due to Mr Milne have been made, with any tax charges incurred by Mr Milne paid for on his behalf by the Government Actuary's Department.

The government also recognises that there may be other individuals who are potentially affected by the principles set out in this Determination. Police Pension Scheme administrators across the UK are working to identify such affected individuals and calculate the sums owed, and will ensure that appropriate payments are made as soon as possible.

I hope that this clarifies the Government's position.

Yours sincerely

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