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Mr John O'Connell
Assistant Secretary
Department of Finance

Dear John

At the last meeting of the Decentralisation Sub Committee meeting on 12 April 2006 I raised the issue of members of the Association who work in Departments which are included in the 'early movers' and who will be surplus when the move takes place.

The members in these Departments are concerned that their jobs are being transferred to rural locations and that they have nowhere to transfer to in Dublin. While we acknowledge the confirmation given by the Department of Finance that everybody will be given work appropriate to their grade the Association and members are looking for something more substantive. Members want to know where they will be working and who will be paying them. They are concerned that the Department of Finance have also said that Departments will not be allowed to have supernumerary numbers in Departments. Members have pointed out that these two positions are in conflict with each other.

I would appreciate if you could let me know what specific arrangements will be put in place to provide jobs at PO and AP level for our surplus members.

We have, as you are aware, already looked for urgent talks on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Dave Thomas
Deputy General Secretary