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Mr John O'Connell
Assistant Secretary
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Dear John

I refer to your letter of 14 February with enclosed finalised "Decentralisation Paper on General Service Grades Promotions".

I can now formally confirm on behalf of the Executive Committee that the proposals in the paper are agreed by the Association. This agreement, as previously indicated, is without prejudice to any legal rights members on interdepartmental promotion panels may have and on the usual basis that, if more favourable arrangements are approved for other unions, the matter will have to be reopened.

Yours sincerely

Sean O Riordain
General Secretary