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Request

1. On what exact date did the civil service first seek policy guidance on ill health retired members with an injury award, in relation to the McCloud judgement remedy?
2. On what exact date did the civil service receive direct response on the query of ill health retired members with an injury award?

DoF Response

I can confirm the Department holds some of the information requested. Civil Service Pensions does not hold specific dates and provides the following response to each question.

1. Civil Service Pensions (NI) (CSP[NI]) does not hold this information and is unable to provide an exact date in response. Following publication on the Department of Finance's website of the [Statement on the McCloud judgment](#) on 1 October 2019, CSP(NI) has sought policy guidance from a number of key stakeholders on McCloud related policy areas, including ill-health retirements more widely not just those members with an injury award. This engagement enabled public sector pension schemes, including the NICS pension scheme, to introduce remedy legislation with effect from 1 October 2023 to rectify the discrimination identified by the Courts in 2018.
2. As above, CSP(NI) does not hold this information and is unable to provide an exact date where a direct response was provided. As set out, policy guidance has been provided by a number of key stakeholders on a range of McCloud related policy areas, including ill-health retirements more widely. Such engagement enabled public sectors schemes, including the NICS pension scheme, to introduce remedy legislation with effect from 1 October 2023.