ANNEX A

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Request

I should be grateful if, under the Freedom of Information Act, you would provide the following:

1. the date on which Civil Service Pensions' policy on recognition of partners, as expressed in PCSP(NI) para E.2(3)(b), was last subjected to equality screening;

2. a copy of the equality screening document;

3. a copy of any equality impact assessment subsequently undertaken;

4. a list of organizations consulted as part of the screening and/or EQIA; and

5. copies (anonymized as necessary) of the responses received to the consultation.

I am happy to receive the information electronically.

DoF response

We can confirm that the Department does not hold the information you have requested.

Para E.2(3)(b) of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Northern Ireland) was introduced by a Scheme Amendment effective from 1 October 2002: the *Principal Civil Service Pension (Amendment) Scheme (Northern Ireland) (Addition of New Section) 2002*. At the time, no implications were identified under the Human Rights Act, and an Equality Impact Assessment was not considered necessary, as the Amendment Scheme applied uniformly to all individuals employed by the Northern Ireland Civil Service.