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Dear Ms Ray,

Thank you for your letter of 22 August, on behalf of the Public Service Pensioners' Council. We are responding on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The UK has been clear that UK contributions that have been paid or been credited after exit, will still count towards relevant UK contributory benefits or State Pension as this is a requirement under domestic legislation. We will also recognise relevant periods of insurance, work or residence within the EU made before exit to help meet the entitlement conditions for UK contributory benefits and State Pension, even where entitlement to these rights may be exercised after exit. We would expect member states to do the same.

The UK State Pension is payable worldwide under domestic legislation. It is our intention to continue to uprate UK State Pensions for individuals living in the EU after we leave, subject to a reciprocal deal with the EU. Continued coordination with the EU on social security matters, which includes the payment of contributions, the aggregation of relevant periods of insurance, work or residence within the EU, after exit is a matter for the UK Government and Parliament to consider in due course.

We have travelled up and down the country to listen to the hopes and concerns of businesses, civil society and of course the general public. We are determined and confident that we can secure the best deal for the British people whilst continuing our deep and special partnership with the EU.

Yours Sincerely,
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