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Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP
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Work and Pensions Committee
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Dear Sir Stephen,

RE: Scams Pledge Update

Thank you for your follow up enquiry dated 30 May about the Government's Fraud Strategy: *stopping scams and protecting the public*.

Further to our [letter of May 9](#) updating the Committee on our scams Pledge, TPR is committed to working with the Home Office and our partners within Government and Industry to disrupt scams and fraud, as well as to pursue fraudsters.

TPR contributed to and is actively supporting the delivery of the Fraud Strategy through the Pension Scams Action Group (PSAG). As part of this multi-agency taskforce led by TPR to combat pension scams, we work closely with organisations such as the National Economic Crime Centre (NECC). We are part of several working groups designed to focus on fraud and scams, for example the NECC Strategic Governance Group (SGG) which looks to direct the wider response to fraud nationally. Our work with the SGG feeds into the Fraud Strategy.

The main aim of the SGG is to ensure a joined-up approach to tackling fraud by understanding the problem, the impact of fraud, and enhancing the ability to respond to fraud. TPR is also part of other NECC-led working groups that focus on threat assessments and frameworks for improving the assessment of fraud related allegations.

Furthermore, as part of the Fraud Strategy, the Government set out its initiatives to develop Fraud Sector Charters. These are voluntary agreements between industry and government with the aim to improve counter-fraud efforts, which we see as building on our scams pledge.

In light of this, TPR has recently approached the Home Office to discuss the development of a charter for the pensions industry, and we will aim to update the Committee when any developments have been realised.

I hope the Committee finds the above information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Parish', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicola Parish
Executive Director of Frontline Regulation

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Work and Pensions Committee

30 May 2023

Nicola Parish

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(By e-mail only)

Dear Nicola,

Scams pledge update

Thank you for your letter of 9 May providing the Committee with an update on the commitments TPR made in response to the Committee's Report, *Protecting pension savers – five years on from the pension freedoms: Pension scams*.

When reading your response we noted it did not make reference to the Government's *Fraud Strategy: stopping scams and protecting the public*, which had been published just a few days earlier on 3 May. It would be helpful therefore if you could set out:

1. any work TPR undertook to feed into the development of the Government's strategy; and
2. how you see TPR's work on pensions scams fitting into the Government's strategy.

I would be grateful for your response by Tuesday 13 June. As is usual practice with the Committee's correspondence, I will be publishing this letter and your response on the Committee's website.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP
Chair, Work and Pensions Committee