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Dear Ms Billingham,

I am writing to explore the mechanisms by which British Transport Police Federation (BTPF) can submit written evidence on pay and conditions to the Police Remuneration Review Body.

British Transport Police (BTP) operates nationally across the railway network in Britain. The force is primarily funded by the railway industry and unlike territorial police forces, which are the responsibility of the Home Office, the Department for Transport is responsible for the BTP.

BTPF represents more than 3,000 police officers and special constables who work to keep the travelling public safe and on the move. After a decades-long campaign, BTPF achieved pay parity with Home Office forces in the 1960s. Those terms and conditions remain in place today and our officers receive the same annual salary settlement as their colleagues in territorial forces.

Despite pay parity, there is no mechanism in place for BTP Federation to make a submission to PRRB. I note that PRRB should have regard to 'the particular frontline role and nature of the office of constable in British Policing'. Prior to removing itself from the pay review process, the Police Federation of England and Wales (PFEW) provided evidence on behalf of its members, but this did not reflect the issues that are unique to BTP officers and their unique working environment.

I am keen to explore the potential for BTPF to make an annual submission to PRRB, either alone or in conjunction with Federation representatives from the other non-Home Office forces.

I would welcome a meeting with you to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Cowan

Stuart Cowan National Chair
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