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Sir,

Dispute: Claims and Reimbursements

A number FBU members have informed me that the travel claims they have submitted to the service at NJC rates are not being honoured.

You will be aware, through previous correspondence that we currently do not have any locally agreed rate of reimbursement. Therefore NJC rates are the default position. As the service is not honouring the NJC rates we have no choice but to formally dispute this issue. This is a blatant breach of the Grey Book and therefore a breach of contract.

On behalf of the Fire Brigades Union, I am hereby commencing the Negotiation Procedure as prescribed in the National Scheme of Conditions of Service sixth edition 2004.

The FBU will be advising our membership that use of their own transport for any service related journeys is totally voluntary and they are not obliged to accept a service imposed rate of reimbursement which is less than contractual entitlement and clearly a personal disadvantage and additional cost burden.

The most appropriate and correct process to resolve this dispute would be to authorise the correct NJC claim rates in respect of any journeys made after 12th July 2010.

Further breaches of the recognised National Scheme of Conditions of Service may escalate this dispute with serious ramification.

Yours sincerely

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