



Mr Michael MacNamara
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1st December 2015

Dear Michael,

My letter of 1st November refers. As indicated your recent correspondence was discussed at the Trustee Meeting of 24th November.

Mercer (the Fund Actuaries) at the request of the Trustees recently presented a paper examining the Reserve Fund, together with the underlying assumptions about the timing of use of the Fund. The underlying purpose of the fund i.e. to subsidise subscriptions when the peak of aging of members occurs continues to be valid with the peak of aging occurring between 2025 and 2040. To draw on the reserve sooner than this would lead to an unaffordable increase for all members when this peak does occur and endanger the viability and financial stability of the Fund.

The balance between subscriptions, benefits, claims, gains and losses of members is carefully monitored by the Trustees in order to balance the books and in doing so maintain subscriptions at an affordable level whilst providing benefits that members value.

In relation to cover outside of Ireland I apologise if any confusion has arisen in respect of the discussion at the AGM. The position remains unchanged and is as outlined in the current benefits booklet, section 9 page 17 (enclosed).

The Trustees are aware of the issues relating to travel abroad in general both from a travel and health insurance perspective and will keep our cover under review.

Yours Sincerely,

Belinda OConaill
Manager Medical Provident Fund