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NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

**To: Chief Fire Officers
Chief Executives/Clerks to Fire Authorities
Chairs of Fire Authorities
Directors of Human Resources at Fire Authorities**

Members of the National Joint Council

26 March 2012

CIRCULAR NJC/4/12

Dear Sir / Madam

DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL

BACKGROUND

1. You will be aware that in order to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee an official medal will be awarded by the UK Government to those in the Armed Forces and emergency services, and to prison service personnel.
2. Circular NJC/2/12 advised authorities that the National Joint Council had written to the Fire Minister in England (as DCLG is the relevant department) expressing concern that fire control employees appeared to not be regarded as falling within the eligibility criteria.

CURRENT POSITION

3. A copy of the response is attached.
4. Given the position of the NJC, your attention is drawn to the reference to Chief Fire Officers having 'a degree of latitude'.

Yours faithfully
SARAH MESSENGER
MATT WRACK
Joint Secretaries



Bob Neil to Jt Secs
Medals 28 Feb 2012.1