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Dear Seán,

I refer to your letters dated 16th and 21st of September.

I have made a number of attempts to contact you by phone to discuss the content of your letters and have left several messages for you, but to no avail.

The Pathways to Work strategy, which complements the Action Plan for Jobs, and is led by the Department of Social Protection, seeks to ensure that as many newly created jobs as possible go to people on the Live Register. Initiatives contained in Pathways to Work 2015 are specifically designed to address the twin issues of long-term and youth unemployment. In that context, the plan provides for more training and further education places reserved for long-term and young unemployed people. The expansion of job placement schemes also allows long-term unemployed people to practise their skills in a work setting to help them to transition back into the workforce.

The issues which are of concern to the Council Members and which you have raised, all relate to current Government policy. The Pathways to Work plans for 2016 to 2020 are currently being developed. This is, therefore, an opportune time to submit proposals through the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Yours sincerely,


Barry Kennedy