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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY

NIRS2- THE LATEST POSITION

1. OCOP notices (98)7-10 and 12 gave information about the temporary closedown of the National Insurance Recording System (NIRS) to allow migration to the new system, NIRS 2. The *Contributions Agency* accepted the new system on the planned date of 13 July.
2. The attached letter of 5 January 1999 from the *Benefits Agency* confirms the welcome news that they too have now accepted the new system and schemes should shortly begin to receive GMP notifications.

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Dear Stephen

NATIONAL INSURANCE RECORDING SYSTEM (NIRS) COMPUTER

I am pleased to tell you that the BA will begin to use NIRS2 functionality for dealing with Retirement Pension and Widows Benefit claims with effect from Wednesday 6 January. This should mean that pension schemes will begin to receive GMP notices and AP/GMP relationship statements some time next week. These will initially be in respect of the more recent claims. The date on which we will start to action those claims which have been stockpiled since 19 June for input into NIRS (and hence generating GMP notices) has not yet been decided but I will let you know when it is.

Yours sincerely



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