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Cymru Wales

## Paul Davies AM/AC

Aelod Y Ceidwadwyr Cymreig dros Preseli Penfro  
Conservative Member for Preseli Pembrokeshire

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
10 Downing Street  
London  
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Paul Davies AM  
Preseli Pembrokeshire  
Leader of the Welsh Conservative Assembly Group

<b>Mohammad Asghar AM</b> National Assembly Member for South Wales East-Shadow Minister for Further Education, Skills & Faith		
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Dear ~~Prime Minister~~ 

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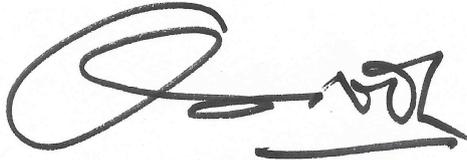
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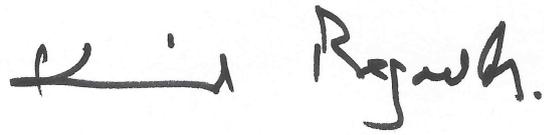
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Yours,



Suzy Davies AM/AC

Assembly Member for South Wales West



**Vikki Howells**  
Aelod Cynulliad dros Cwm Cynon  
Assembly Member for Cynon Valley

The Rt. Honourable Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London  
SW1A 2AA

19 August 2019

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing on behalf of the National Assembly Labour Group regarding the former Allied Steel & Wire (ASW) steelworkers in Wales, who continue to fight to receive the full value of their pensions despite repeated commitments made by successive UK Governments.

Under a compensation agreement reached in 2007, those affected by ASW's insolvency and subsequent failure of the pension scheme were promised the same treatment as workers and pension scheme holders under the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) and the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS). These schemes provide for pension holders to receive up to 90% of their pension contribution value. However, contributions paid in prior to 1997 are not increased for inflation so in reality scheme members have lost much of their expected pensions. Indeed, some have seen a loss in the value of their pension by as much as 50%, with very serious consequences for their retirement.

The National Assembly Labour Group and the Welsh Labour Government has long supported the campaign by former ASW workers for pensions justice and have made representations to a succession of UK Government ministers on their behalf to seek a fair outcome for all those affected. Unfortunately, we are still no closer to a satisfactory outcome so we would urge you now, as Prime Minister, to honour the spirit of the commitments made by your predecessors to ASW workers in Wales and look at ways in which their expected pensions can be fully reinstated. They did the right thing and saved for retirement – it is only right that the UK Government provide a just resolution to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Vikki Howells AM**  
**Chair, National Assembly Labour Group**

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The Right Honourable Boris Johnson MP  
Prime Minister  
Office of the Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
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Monday 23rd September 2019.

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you on behalf of the former employees of Allied Steel and Wire who continue to campaign for pension justice.

In 2002, ASW went bust and around 1,000 employees, many of whom had paid decades of contributions, lost their pensions. Despite promises of justice under successive UK administrations, these former workers have never received the full value of their pensions.

In 2004 the then-Labour UK government launched the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS), which was followed in 2005 by the launch of the Pension Protection Fund. However, former workers at ASW have not been covered by the reforms because under their deal, money paid in before April 1997 is not fully inflation-proofed. This has meant that many ASW pensioners have been severely impacted in retirement with many receiving half of the value of what they were owed.

Successive UK Governments have long ignored these former workers fighting for basic fairness. They are people who saved for retirement and planned for it, only for their hard work to go unrewarded and disrespected.

Successive UK Government's have also promised action and redress but have not delivered.

The Plaid Cymru group in the National Assembly for Wales urges you, as the new head of government in the UK, to finally deliver what these pensioners have been fighting for and what they were promised.

You have the power to provide closure and right a wrong in this case and we urge you to do so.

**Yr eiddoch yn gywir, / Yours sincerely,**

Bethan Sayed AM

On behalf of the Plaid Cymru group in the National Assembly for Wales.



**NEIL HAMILTON AM  
MID & WEST WALES**

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

I am writing as Leader of UKIP in Wales and Assembly Member for Mid & West Wales, to support the former ASW steelworkers in Wales in their fight to receive the full value of their pensions which, despite repeated commitments by successive governments, they have been denied to date.

They were promised the same treatment as those workers and pension scheme holders under the Pension protection Fund (PPF) and the Financial Assistance Scheme (FAS) were promised. This would have given them up to 90% of their pension contribution value. However, because pension contributions paid in prior to 1997 were not increased by inflation, some have seen a loss in value of their pensions by up to 50%. This obviously has very serious consequences for retirement.

I have long supported the campaign by ASW workers for justice. Sadly, we are no closer to satisfactory resolution so I ask you now to honour the spirit of the commitments made by your predecessors and fully reinstate the pensions of ASW workers in Wales. It is scandalous that, having done the right thing in saving for retirement, they should now be penalised in this way. These hard working pensioners deserve justice and I look to you to ensure they receive this.

**NEIL HAMILTON**