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Dear Mr Murray

Thank you for your emailed letter of Monday 27th January and for the time that you and colleagues have taken to investigate the matters raised.

It is encouraging to learn that HMRC is working to support those local authorities in Scotland in which a significant number of the teachers employed have yet to receive the full value of their backpay deriving from a settlement reached in March 2023.

I am appreciative of the willingness to share the guidance that will go to the relevant local authorities from the Public Bodies Team, and very much hope that the local authority employers in question can be persuaded on receipt of the guidance, to finally engage in the processes required to enable the fair and just tax treatment of the amounts earned by their teacher employees in the 2022-23 financial year.

To inform the EIS's next steps in seeking a resolution to what has now been a very long-running and deeply frustrating issue, it would be very helpful to have an indication of the timescales within which the guidance will be shared with the 15 local authorities in question.

Thank you again for your response and in anticipation of the further detail regarding timescales.

Yours sincerely

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