



# Work and Pensions Committee

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From the Chair

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*From Lesley Titcomb*

## **Carillion defined benefit pension schemes**

In light of the collapse of the sponsoring company, might you please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Is TPR currently engaged in any investigative activity in respect of Carillion?
- 2) Will TPR open an anti-avoidance case into Carillion?
- 3) How did TPR react to the profit warning issued by Carillion in July last year?
- 4) Did TPR had concerns before the profit warning about the sponsor's business model and potential material detriment to the pension covenant arising from business transactions?
- 5) What regulatory contact has TPR had with Carillion pension trustees aside from usual / routine meetings around scheme valuations, a) before the profit warning and b) after the profit warning?

The PPF-based deficit on the Carillion DB schemes is now reported to be in the region of £800m-£900m. The interim financial results for the first-half of 2017 reported the headline accounting deficit at £587m (£711 before deferred tax asset).

- 6) What is TPR's assessment of the reasons for the upsurge in the pension deficit?
- 7) Does TPR have concerns about the trustees' management of the schemes?



Philip Green CBE, Chairman of Carillion, was censured by the Pension Ombudsman in 1994 for breach of trust and maladministration in respect of the use of pension scheme monies at Coloroll, where he was managing director and a pension trustee.

- 8) Were you aware of the Pension Ombudsman ruling against Mr Green, and do you have concerns about the extent to which his stewardship of Carillion took into account the interests of its pension schemes?

With best wishes,

**Rt Hon Frank Field MP**  
**Chair**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Philip Green', written in a cursive style.