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Pensions statement

- **35.**—(1) The pensions statement procured by a person entering into an agreement under a requirement specified in accordance with article 32(2)(b)(i), must be obtained in writing from a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries.
 - (2) The pensions statement must certify—
 - (a) that, to the extent that the principles can be applied, the person making the statement has formed the opinion contained in the statement having had regard to the guidance for assessing broad comparability between two sets of pension scheme benefits set out in Annex A to HM Treasury's note 'Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government' dated October 2013(1), and
 - (b) that, in the opinion of the person making the statement, the new operator's pension scheme offers relevant employees rights to acquire pension benefits which meet the requirements of article 33 on the date the statement was made.

⁽¹⁾ The note is available from the www.gov.uk website (Fair Deal for staff pensions: staff transfer from central government (publishing.service.gov.uk) at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/262490/PU1571_Fair_Deal_for_staf_pensions.pdf).