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**SPC MEETS MINISTER FOR PENSIONS REFORM
Meeting to discuss a range of current industry issues**

Representatives of the Society of Pension Consultants, led by its Chairman, Sir James Hodge, met the Minister of State for Pensions Reform, Mike O'Brien MP, on Monday 17 September.

The meeting allowed the Minister and the SPC to exchange views on a number of current industry issues, just three months into the Minister's tenure of the job.

Roger Mattingly, Chairman of the SPC's Public Relations Committee, said, "We all welcomed the opportunity to share our ideas and opinions and we were able to have a full exchange of views with the Minister during a very productive discussion. We were pleased to hear the Minister stress the importance of early communication in connection with the introduction of Personal Accounts."

Mattingly added, "We were particularly glad that the Minister emphasised the need to communicate with employers as well as employees. It was timely also to be able to talk about the possible wider impact of the recent events in the money markets."

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