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Dear Ian

Consultation Paper for Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation.

Your proposals largely fit with the views expressed by the Accounts Commission to your earlier consultation in this regard and this is welcome. In particular, it is pleasing to note that much of the thrust of your proposals is about making the public appointments process more accessible and increasing the potential for more diversity across Boards. This fits with the Commission's own ambitions to see inequalities addressed in a comprehensive and holistic way.

I enclose the Commission's response to the detailed consultation paper.

I wish you well with your proposals.

Yours sincerely,



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