



**The Commissioner for
Public Appointments**

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Dear Lord Elis- Thomas

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2018, in which you have consulted me on the appointment of Jason Thomas as the Welsh representative of the Board of Visit Britain.

I am grateful for your explanation of the statutory requirement for Visit Britain to have a representative from Wales, and for the background around the abolition of the Welsh Tourist Board. I have agreed to the appointment, without fair and open competition, of Jason Thomas. Jason is currently the Director of Culture, Sport and Tourism at the Welsh Government, and you have explained that this is a temporary appointment for a period of up to 9 months, whilst an open competition is conducted to find a permanent replacement.

I would be grateful if you confirm by email when both the appointment and the competition will commence.

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments.