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Dear Nina.

I write to you following MHCLG's consultation on the appointment of Peter Freeman as the Chair Designate, and then subsequently the Chair of the Holocaust Memorial Centre, without open competition.

I am pleased by the intention to include this organisation within the Public Appointments Order in Council, so that appointments will be made in line with the Government's Governance Code.

I am aware that Peter Freeman has been involved in the formative stages of this organisation and has a background in large scale development projects. I have agreed to a short term of appointment of 18 months and I would be grateful if you confirm, by return, Mr Freeman's start date with my secretariat. You have also confirmed that the department has conducted the appropriate due diligence checks in relation to this appointment.

You have also indicated that as member appointments need to be made quickly in order to support the Chair Designate, MHCLG intends to appoint one or two members without open competition, for a period of a year. Again, I would be grateful if you could confirm the names and start dates with my secretariat. You have agreed to consider the diversity of members, and I look forward to receiving further details of the criteria you intent to use to appoint them.

I would be grateful for clarity on the timing of the open recruitment process to appoint the remaining two or three members, as well as details of the candidate pack.

You should be aware that I am unlikely to agree to any proposals to extend these interim appointments and a copy of this letter will be published on my website.

All best wishes
Yours sincerely
Peter

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