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Permanent Secretary, Department for Culture, Media and Sport

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*By email only*

Dear Permanent Secretary,

Thank you again for getting in touch with me – and for meeting with me – to discuss the recent campaign to appoint a chair of the Independent Football Regulator.

Having now completed an initial assessment of this case, informed by spot checks, I believe that a full inquiry into the campaign is necessary.

This inquiry will be conducted with the object of ensuring that the appointment was made in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments, including the principles of public appointments. I would be grateful if you could ensure that all requests for information relating to this campaign are fulfilled quickly and in full.

Once my office has received all the relevant correspondence and documents, the inquiry will take the time necessary to clarify the procedures and practices followed by the appointing authority during this campaign. This is likely to involve interviews with key participants, including the government's preferred candidate and the Secretary of State.

The outcome of this inquiry will be sent to participants and published on the office's website.

Yours sincerely,



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