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OFQUAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

I am writing to inform you of changes to membership of the Ofqual Board.

The Department for Education ran a fair and open public appointments process for a new Ofqual Board member between August 2019 and February 2020. We received 56 applications, of whom 7 were interviewed by an Advisory Assessment Panel.

The Panel comprised Roger Taylor, Chair of the Ofqual Board who chaired the Panel; Irene Lucas CBE, Department for Education non-executive Board member who was the external Panel member; Dr Michelle Meadows, Executive Director for Strategy, Risk and Research at Ofqual; and Michelle Dyson, Director of Qualifications, Curriculum and Extra-Curricular at the Department for Education who represented ministers on the Panel. All candidates were subject to rigorous due diligence checks.

Following this process, I have agreed to appoint to the Board Dr Catherine McClellan – Director of Assessment and Psychometric Research at the Australian Council for Educational Research. Ms McClellan is also an independent consultant, offering technical and psychometric analyses in educational environments. She will bring to the Board extensive assessment expertise.

Ms McClellan took up her position on 1 June 2020. She will replace the current assessment specialist, Mike Cresswell, who is due to step down in September. A public announcement of Ms McClellan's appointment will be made shortly.



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