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Dear Andy,

CHAIR OF THE LEGAL SERVICES BOARD

I am writing about the proposal that the preferred candidate, for appointment to the Chair of the Legal Services Board, should be subject to pre-appointment scrutiny by the Justice Select Committee (JSC).

Prior to the election, the JSC recommended that the Chair of the Legal Services Board should be added to the roles subject to Pre-Appointment Scrutiny. The then Lord Chancellor and then Cabinet Office Ministers agreed with this recommendation.

I too agree with this recommendation. Pre-appointment scrutiny will ensure that, when the next Chair is recruited, the appointment process is transparent and accountable and will support public trust in the Legal Services Board. This will also provide assurance that the preferred candidate for appointment as Chair will uphold the high standards and integrity expected from the Chair of the Legal Services Board.

Yours sincerely,

HEIDI ALEXANDER MP
Minister Of State