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Dear Helen,

Appointment of Chief Regulator of Qualifications and Examinations

Thank you for sharing with me the Committee's report of its findings from the pre-appointment hearing with Sir Ian Bauckham for the role of Chief Regulator at Ofqual on 10 December.

I am very pleased to note that the Committee endorses Sir Ian's appointment as substantive Chief Regulator. As I set out in my letter to you of 11 November, I named Sir Ian as my preferred candidate for the role because of his significant experience as an educator and deep understanding of the school system and qualifications landscape.

I believe Sir Ian will provide thoughtful leadership to Ofqual, working to maintain confidence in qualifications and to lead the organisation's response to the outcomes of the independent Curriculum and Assessment Review which are due next year.

I will now be writing to the Privy Council to seek His Majesty's approval to his appointment to the role. As the Privy Council's next meeting is in February, I will be extending Sir Ian's term as interim Chief Regulator to allow time for that process to be completed before his appointment is made substantive.

Yours sincerely

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