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Dear Simon,

**Cancellation of the campaign to appoint a new Chair of the Advisory Committee on
Business Appointments (ACoBA)**

On 31 March 2025, Lord Pickles' term as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments will end. On 25 October 2024, my officials launched a recruitment process to appoint his successor. I am writing to notify you of my decision not to appoint a successor through this recruitment round.

I intend to appoint an interim Chair to ensure a smooth transition and continuity for the Commission. My officials will write to the Commissioner for Public Appointments to consult him on that appointment.

I will update the Committee once an interim appointment has been confirmed by the Prime Minister and on next steps.

Yours sincerely,

**The Rt Hon. Pat McFadden MP
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster**