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Dear Dame Karen,

**INDEPENDENT CHIEF INSPECTOR OF BORDERS AND IMMIGRATION (ICIBI) –
FURTHER EXTENSION OF INTERIM ICIBI**

Firstly, I am grateful to the Committee for their report following the pre-appointment hearing for the government's preferred candidate for the permanent ICIBI role, Mr John Tuckett. We will provide a separate response to this shortly.

I am writing to update the Committee that in line with the Governance Code on Public Appointments, I have agreed to extend Mr David Bolt's appoint term as interim ICIBI for a further period of up to three months, to enable sufficient time to conclude the recruitment process for a permanent ICIBI and ensure a smooth transition. The extension will come into effect from 3 April.

I look forward to working with you on this important appointment process.

With best wishes,

Seema Malhotra MP
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