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Dear Dame Caroline,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before your Committee as the preferred candidate as Chair of the Independent Football Regulator.

As I stated, in 2020 I made two donations to the leadership campaign of Lisa Nandy MP and two donations to the leadership campaign of Keir Starmer MP. These donations were all under £1500, which is below the declaration threshold and outside the five year reporting period required by the Governance Code on Public Appointments. As such they were not included in the formal returns that I provided to the Committee or to the Assessment Panel, however, in the interest of full transparency I wanted to bring them to the attention of the Committee.

In the questionnaire that I provided to the Committee in advance of the hearing, I also declared that I have in the past been a donor to Labour party candidates over the previous three years and been on the Board of, and Chaired, LabourList – an independent website covering the Labour movement. This activity was also declared to the Panel and set out in the announcement confirming my position as the Government's preferred candidate. I understand that this meets the formal requirement set out in the Governance Code.

I would like to put on record again my commitment to make no more donations to any political cause and pledge total political impartiality throughout the tenure that I hold a public appointment, if I am fortunate enough to be appointed.

Kind regards,
David Kogan