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Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter of 10 June regarding the recruitment campaign for a new Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists.

I am grateful for your response and for your reflections on the proposed time commitment of 40 days per annum. As you may have seen, the role was advertised on 12 June with a revised time commitment of 40–45 days per annum.

I fully agree with your point about the importance of timely appointments. As you will know, this campaign was launched with a deadline for applications of 3 July and it has now closed. My officials have been in contact with your Clerks and I am grateful for your support to make provisional arrangements for a pre-appointment hearing ahead of 22 September.

In respect of your predecessor Committee's report on the Lobbying Act, as I set out in my letter of 31 March, that report was framed as a response to the policy of the administration of the previous Government. In addition to steps that this Government has already taken to improve transparency in particular through the introduction of the monthly register of Ministers' gifts and hospitality. The Government also continues to develop its broader work on ethics and standards and will update the committee on the outcome of that work in due course and, of course, in the context of your recently-announced inquiry into Propriety, Ethics and the Wider Standards Landscape in the UK.

Yours sincerely,

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