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Dear William,

Appointment of the new Commissioner for Public Appointments

Thank you for your letter of 17 September following the Committee's pre-appointment scrutiny hearing with Mr William Shawcross, as the Prime Minister's preferred candidate for the role of Commissioner for Public Appointments. I am very grateful for the Committee's consideration of this matter. I would also like to convey my appreciation to the Committee for the swift work taken to publish the report before conference recess.

I am pleased to hear that the Committee is satisfied that Mr Shawcross is suitable to be appointed to this role. Like my predecessor, I am confident that Mr Shawcross' attributes and range of experience will enable him to carry out his work effectively, ensuring confidence in the public appointments made by both Her Majesty's Government and the Welsh Government.

I am committed to ensuring that good management information and proper planning is in place that supports the running of timely appointment competitions.

We will now take steps to finalise the appointment of the next Commissioner. This will be made via an Order in Council, subject to the Privy Council agreeing to do so at their 4 October meeting.

Yours Sincerely,

**Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP
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