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*Dear Guy*

Thank you for your letter outlining your intention to appoint Caroline Rookes to a 12 month term as the interim chair of the board of the Pensions Ombudsman, without running a fair and open competition.

I understand that a recent tailored review of the Pensions Ombudsman recommended the implementation of a full board. You have stated that Ms Rookes interim term will provide leadership while recruitment to the board takes place, with a campaign to appoint a substantive Chair to launch in November. Given this, I am content with the appointment without competition.

*All Good with  
Peter*

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