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Dear Alok,

Thank you for your letter on 21st April, consulting us about appointing Stephen Gibson as the interim chair of the Regulatory Policy Committee for a period of up to nine months, under Section 3.3 of the Governance Code.

I note that after being elected as an MP, the resignation of Anthony Browne has meant that Mr. Gibson has been maintaining continuity by acting as temporary chair for the RPC, and I would like to thank him for doing so. The interim appointment of Stephen Gibson will provide continuity to the Committee as it continues with its on-going scrutiny and assurance role whilst a competition can begin at the earliest point possible. I note Mr. Gibson's experience in this field, and that he is well respected and best placed to act as the national and international face of the RPC.

I am content to agree to the appointment of Stephen Gibson for a period of nine months, or sooner if a competition to appoint a substantive chair is completed before then. I would appreciate it if your officials could keep me informed as to the progress of the campaign for the new chair of the Regulatory Policy Committee. As with all Section 3.3 appointments, OCPA will publish this extension on my website so I would appreciate if your officials could let us know when Mr. Gibson's extension is announced.

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments