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Thank you for your letter on 21st April, consulting us about extending the appointment of Philip King as the interim Small Business Commissioner under Section 3.3 of the Governance Code for an additional 6 months until 31st January 2021.

I note that Mr King was initially appointed to the role as Commissioner to provide continuity within the SBC whilst a substantive Commissioner could be appointed through competition. I also note that the campaign you wished to launch may now be delayed by a few months, and that Mr King will be able to assist small businesses in relation to Covid-19 and the impact it will have on the economy.

As such, I am content with the extension of Philip King's appointment as Commissioner for an additional six months. I would appreciate if your officials could keep me informed as to the progress of the campaign for a new Small Business Commissioner, as time permits. 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 King's extension is announced.

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments