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Dear Charles,

Thank you for consulting me on your preferred choice of Senior Independent Panel Member for the forthcoming campaign for the Chair of the Equality and Human Rights Commission, and also on the interim Chair and Deputy Chair appointments that will be made after David Isaac's departure, until a substantive Chair has been found.

Second, I am also content with your choices for temporary appointment without competition of Caroline Waters as Interim Chair, and for Susan Johnson as interim Deputy Chair. I understand that because of the timing of the end of the current chair's term and the projected timetable for the appointment of a new Chair, including pre-appointment scrutiny, an interim Chair is necessary. As always, if you could keep me updated on the process to appoint a new substantive chair, it would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes
Yours sincerely

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments