



**The Commissioner for
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Guy Opperman MP
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Dear Guy,

Thank you for your letter consulting me on the direct appointment of Sarah Smart as Chair of The Pensions Regulator for a period of 2 months whilst a competition completes for a substantive Chair. I am content with this direct appointment. Please could your office keep my officials up to date with this as I include details of appointments without competition on our website

Best wishes,

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments