



**The Commissioner for
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Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng
Secretary of State for Business,
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**Department for Business,
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Dear Kwasi,

Thank you for your letter consulting me about your intention directly to appoint Stephen Lake without competition as interim Chair of Ordnance Survey Limited (OS) for up to 9 months. I am content with this in view of the circumstances, with Kieran Murphy, the current Chair deciding to resign well before the end of his term. I would be grateful if your officials could both let my office know when this will be announced and also about the progress of the competition to find a substantive Chair for the post.

All best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments