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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter consulting me on your intention to appoint without competition, Michael Imperato and Peter Todd as members of the Legal Aid Agency Review Panel for 12 months. I am content with these direct appointments and note the need for you to obtain expertise quickly to deal with an outstanding appeal for which these members have specific knowledge and clinical negligence understanding. I also note your intention to run a competition to rectify the knowledge gap at a later stage that will help address issues like this if they arise again in the future.

All best wishes
Yours sincerely,

Peter Riddell
Commissioner for Public Appointments