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Dear Felicity

Further to your letter of 20 May and my acknowledgment of 11 June I am writing to confirm the position with regard to a compliance statement for OFMDFM for the period from 1 February 2010 to 31 July 2010.

During the period covered by the compliance statement OFMDFM made appointments to two of the arms length bodies its sponsors, ILEX and ERINI. We did not make any re-appointments.

Although 4 new Board members were appointed to ILEX on 1 July 2010 and were therefore within the compliance statement period, the competition to appoint these members commenced in the autumn of 2009 and was conducted in accordance with the previous Code of Practice.

In February 2010 the Department appointed a temporary committee to oversee the closure of ERINI. Because of the temporary nature of the committee and its role to oversee the winding up of ERINI these appointments were not subject to an appointment process based on the Code of Practice and I understand that this approach was agreed with you beforehand.

I can confirm therefore that a compliance statement for OFMDFM for the period from 1 February 2010 to 31 July 2010 is not required.

Yours sincerely

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