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Rt Hon John Glen MP
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Dear John Glen,

Thank you for your letter of 18 August regarding recent appointments to the Civil Service.

Given recent interest in Civil Service appointments by Exception and the importance of public trust in these appointments, I have written to all departments to confirm that the Commission will be undertaking a review of appointments by Exception at delegated grades under any Exception to the Civil Service Recruitment Principles since 1 July.

The purpose of the review will be to consider how the powers delegated to departments to appoint by Exception are being used in order to provide assurance that appointments are in line with the Recruitment Principles that support an impartial Civil Service.

I will write to you again when we have completed that work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gisela Stuart".

Gisela Stuart
First Civil Service Commissioner