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Russell George AM  
Chair  
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee

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Dear *Russell,*

Further to the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee meeting on 25 April 2018, I am writing to follow up on the action point relating to the appointment of the interim Chair for Transport for Wales.

Following a Public Appointments process Nick Gregg was appointed as a Non Executive Director to the Transport for Wales Company Board in July 2017. The Advisory Assessment Panel for the process advised me that Mr Gregg was an exceptional candidate with extensive experience as a senior executive director.

Due to his future secondment to Transport for Wales as Chief Executive Officer, James Price, the then Deputy Permanent Secretary (ESNR Group) stepped-down from Chair of the Board from November 2017. To ensure a Chair person was in place through the company's mobilisation of the new rail services contract, I used my power to appoint without competition in order to appoint Mr Gregg as Interim Chair for up to 12 months. The appointment was made on the basis that recruitment to appoint a new Chair through due process would be completed within this time period. I chose Mr Gregg as the Interim Chair as he offered the Transport for Wales Board experience in leading teams through change, as well as driving large scale business transformation.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of their appointment, all Board members must declare publicly any private interests which may, or may be perceived to, conflict with their duties on the Board. In general, all financial interests should be declared. This information will be published on the Transport for Wales website by the end of May.

Yours sincerely

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