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Nick Ramsay AM  
Chair  
Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Nick,

I understand that your committee is currently doing a short review of the governance of Cardiff Airport, and that you have already taken evidence from the Airport team, and will shortly be taking evidence from officials.

I would like to update you on the search to find a new Chair of Cardiff International Airport Ltd (CIAL).

Existing Chair, Roger Lewis, is due to step down in October when his 4 year tenure comes to an end. In preparation, earlier this year, CIAL undertook an open, competitive recruitment process to secure Roger's successor for the next 4 years.

I am delighted to confirm that CIAL's preferred candidate has accepted the post. However due to their existing contractual arrangements, the candidate is unable to take up the role until June 2020. We are therefore unable to confirm the name of Roger's replacement for the moment.

In light of these circumstances I am very grateful to Roger who has kindly agreed to remain in post until 31 May 2020 in order to maintain consistency at the airport during the interim period. I have no doubt that Roger will continue to bring his focus and leadership to this important role.

On behalf the Welsh Government I would like to record my gratitude for the great work Roger has done so far with the airport, and will now continue to do until June.

I will write again nearer the time to confirm the name of the new Chair for CIAL.

Kind regards,

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