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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September and my apologies for the slight delay in replying.

In the letter, you set out how you propose to go about the appointment process for two additional members of the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland. I agree that this seems a proportionate approach which ought to enable you to meet the formal legal requirements placed on the Scottish Ministers in relation to appointments to the ESS Board.

The Committee looks forward to receiving further information from you in due course, setting out how you consider you have met those requirements in relation to the proposed appointees. If adequate information is provided in the manner outlined in your letter, this should enable the Committee, and the Parliament, to carry out their own role in relation to proposed board appointments in an appropriately informed manner.

I hope the appointment process turns out to be a successful one, particularly in view of the key role ESS will be playing in the post-Brexit regulatory environment. A strong board of diverse experience and talents would be an asset to ESS and to Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

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