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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

**Appointments to the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland**

Thank you for your letter of 13 March proposing two new Members to join the Board of Environmental Standards Scotland (ESS), and for the information included in the annexes to your letter. The Committee considered the proposal at our meeting yesterday, carefully noting the information you had provided.

The Committee is satisfied that Professor Spray and Ms Sheppard appear to be suitably qualified for the role of ESS Board Member, having regard to the relevant statutory criteria. The Committee is also satisfied from the information provided that the process used to select the two nominees appears to have been a fair one, conducted in line with the Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies in Scotland.

On that basis, the Committee is pleased to recommend to the Scottish Parliament that these nominations be approved and, if that approval is forthcoming, to wish the two candidates success in their new role.

This letter, and the clerk's minute of yesterday's meeting, are the Committee's formal intimation to the Parliament of our recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

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