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2nd July 2015

Dear Darren,

Re: PAC Visit 23rd - 24th June 2015

I write to thank you, your committee and the staff assigned to support you most sincerely, both for the invaluable learning opportunities you laid on for us last week and for your most generous hospitality.

From a procedural perspective, observing your working practices and discussing your work programme with our colleagues from the Northern Ireland Assembly has given us real food for thought. We anticipate pursuing a number of changes to our own working practices — and potentially even to our terms of reference — as a consequence of our visit. On a more general note, the tour of your Senedd was one of several highlights. Your pride in the building is justified and we admit to being a little jealous of the quality of the facilities you enjoy within it.

It may interest you to know that I have spoken briefly to our Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst, about our visit. Senator Gorst is, I believe, interested in discussing further the possibility of creating a pool of directors across the devolved assemblies, which might help mitigate the issue of conflicts and shortage of quality directors required by quangos and other arms-length state entities. If it would be helpful, I should be delighted to recommend that he contact you or your colleagues in the National Assembly to discuss the above and perhaps to share our experience of having established and reviewed the operation of the States of Jersey Appointments Commission.

Enclosed with this letter is a small token of our gratitude. We hope you and your PAC colleagues find it interesting.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy A.D. Lewis

Chairman