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Subject: RE: Independent Recognition Panel - Temporary Exchequer Grant

Dear Sir Nicholas

Thank you for your letter of 7 November 2014. Please accept my apologies for the slight delay in my reply – I wanted to share your letter with the Board at their first meeting, which I was able to do last week.

You can be assured that I and the Board of the Press Recognition Panel will act in accordance with the requirements of the Royal Charter and also take into account other relevant matters such as the recommendations of the Leveson Report.

Your letter refers to the arrangements to be in place between my appointment and the Panel coming into legal existence. As you may know, I was appointed in June and the Panel came into legal existence on 3 November 2014.

As it happens, your letter is in similar terms in relation to those arrangements to the letter written to me at the time of my appointment by Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Justice. Let me know if you would like a copy of her letter.

In accordance with that letter, I made arrangements, through Craig Watkins (Director of Finance and Planning at the Ministry of Justice), for the Panel to receive funds to enable it to commence its operations without delay. Craig was aware of the steps I intended to take at that stage (and then took) in that regard. He has since arranged for further funds to be transferred.

I will continue to liaise with Craig on such matters in accordance your letter.

Yours sincerely

David Wolfe