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Senator Kristina Moore
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Board

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter dated 20 April 2021.

As Chief Minister, I confirmed that a review would be undertaken of the sequence of events related to the release of a statement on the former Chief Executive's non-Executive Directorship. That review has now been published, in the form of timelines covering the initial media queries, and a general context timeline, as per the following link:

<https://www.gov.je/government/freedomofinformation/pages/foi.aspx?ReportID=4223>

As a result of this review, we have made some practical changes. We now require all media statements and press releases to have approval by an individual Minister, which is a tightening of government communication practices. The Press Office and Ministerial Office support this controlled process, and I am considering whether to also include it as an update in the ministerial code to make this process clearer. There are no other completed or official reports or reviews of which I am aware on this matter. However, we will be keeping this matter under review.

I hope the above is welcome confirmation, and for myself, while it can absorb a reasonable amount of ministerial time, I do feel it absolutely proper that elected Ministers approve all media statements and press releases.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Le Fondré".

Senator John Le Fondré
Chief Minister