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By email

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of the 17th March, in which you provide a number of questions with regards to the Panel's Quarterly Hearing follow-up questions. I have set out below answers to each of these in turn:

- 1. confirmation whether review of the ALOs' partnership agreements will include implementation of recommendations made by the Comptroller and Auditor General, in the report Oversight of Arm's Length Organisations*

Yes, the Department for the Economy will be working with the Commercial Services directorate within Treasury and Exchequer to ensure that all future Partnership Agreements are aligned with previous C&AG recommendations.

- 2. confirmation of the employment grade and type of position (full or part time) of the member of staff within the Department for the Economy, to be recruited during 2023, whose wider role will also include ensuring ALOs are sufficiently resourced and meeting best practice in their governance and reporting; and*

This full-time role is provisionally titled Partnerships Lead and currently going through the external job evaluation process. Once the civil service grade is confirmed, it is anticipated that the post will be advertised as a one-year fixed term contract.

The successful applicant will be responsible for leading on the continuous development of close and effective partnership relations with the Department's ALOs. In this role they will promote consistency in relationship management and standards for reporting and ensure ALOs continue to deliver against the Government's strategic aims.

The final job description and grade will be forwarded to the panel when the evaluation is concluded. This is expected to be mid April 2023.

3. a delivery timeframe for when the Technology Accelerator Fund Strategic Programme Plan (SPP) will be completed, and a copy once drafted.

The Strategic Programme Plan is due to be finalised during April 2023 and I have requested that a copy be provided to the Panel once approved by the Council of Ministers.

Additionally, the existing partnership agreements with Arm's Length Organisations (ALOs) are included as a confidential annex.

I hope the above provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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