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The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
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Dear Minister,

I am writing following the appointments of Professor Gillian Peele and Ewen Fergusson to the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Gillian and Ewen joined us as observers at the July Committee meeting and I look forward to them joining us formally from 1 August.

Members of the Committee have, however, expressed concerns about our lack of visible diversity now as a group. With a remit across public life, the Committee needs to be representative of the people we serve.

There will be a further vacancy on the Committee from January 2022 when Dr Jane Martin's term of appointment comes to an end. We hope this diversity point can be given due weight by the Cabinet Office in the recruitment of future committee members.

I am copying this letter to Darren Tierney, Director General, Propriety and Ethics Team, Cabinet Office.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life