

9 July 2015

Major General David Cullen

ADDENDUM TO APPOINTMENT AS SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OWNER FOR THE ARMY 2020 PROGRAMME

In addition to the responsibilities and accountabilities outlined in my letter to you of 12 April 2013, the publication of updated Guidance for Civil Servants on giving evidence to Parliamentary Select Committees on 17 October 2014 has prompted the need to bring new accountabilities to your attention.

In addition to your internal accountabilities you should also be aware that SROs will now be held personally accountable to Parliamentary Select Committees. You will be expected to account for and explain the decisions and actions you have taken to deliver the programme (or specific milestones). It is important to be clear that your accountability relates only to implementation: it will remain for the Minister to account for the relevant policy decisions and development. It is understood that, because of your other responsibilities you will not be able to devote yourself to this role in a full time capacity.

As Army 2020 is in implementation, in your case this means that from the date of signature of this letter you will be held personally accountable for delivery and could be called by Select Committees.

The Programme Status, including the available budget, was reflected in your most recent quarterly report on the programme to the MPA. As you'll be aware information on the programme status and progress of the programme is published annually by the MPA.

I note that you are not undertaking MPLA training as your tenure is coming to an end.

You should ensure that you notify the Head of DP&AS in good time of your departure and of any proposed transfer of your SRO role to a future SRO. You will remain as SRO until notified otherwise in writing by DP&AS; your SRO-ship will not (as a rule; exceptions to be agreed by DG Fin) automatically cease upon a change of post but when your successor is formally appointed.

As per the Cabinet Office guidance on Giving Evidence to Select Committees (October 2014), this appointment letter and your name will be published.

Yours sincerely,



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Approved by:

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