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Mr Anthony Smith

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*Dear Mr Smith*

**INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY - COMMISSION WITH AUGMENTIQ (SWITZERLAND) LTD**

The Committee has considered your request in relation to commissions with Augmentiq (Switzerland) Ltd.

The Committee noted that your proposed commissions are not related to any contracts or policies that fell within your remit with the Border Force. The Committee also noted that the commissions came about because of your recognised experience and qualifications gathered over many years in global border security programmes, including the UKBA Olympic Programme. In assessing the conditions to attach to your proposed commissions, the Committee took into account that you have undertaken to your former Permanent Secretary, for a period of two years, to avoid involvement with employers/companies bidding for or involved in contracts in which you were engaged whilst in public service. The Committee accepted this undertaking.

The Committee noted with concern that the Augmentiq appointment has been accepted before advice had been sought. On the basis of the undertaking that you have given, the Committee agrees that the commissions are permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy and can be accepted as soon as you wish.

I would be grateful if you could let me know when you take up the commission with Augmentiq or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish

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Yours sincerely,



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