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To: Alwen Lyons [GRO]
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Really helpful. From what I have heard about Hooper - he sounds a good prospect, esp in view of who nominated him, provided we can be reassured that he will be even-handed because of that nomination provenance.

It would be good if you were involved as you have a sense of the individuals. I am waiting to hear when I can speak to Alasdair. And had a nice note tonight from Alice re RH - all ok from her point of view now. . I see him on Monday.

Enjoy your weekend. Paula

Sent from my iPad

On 6 Sep 2013, at 18:02, "Alwen Lyons" [GRO] wrote:

Paula

I have spoken to Susan about the independent chair process and the answer as to which prospective candidates know what is a mixed bag, because the names have come from different sources in the steering group.

Neither of the two recommendations coming from BiS - Catherine Bell and Stephen Bligh (Catherine is/was a civil servant and; Stephen is an accountant – KPMG partner and had done work on Eurotunnel) have been approached.

Kay Linnell suggested Anthony Hooper, he does know and is interested in being considered, although we do not know how much he would cost

Andy Parsons (BD) suggested Alan Hylton and has discussed with his clerk.

James Arbuthnot suggested Stephen Sedley who would be interested, but at a cost of £5k a day which is more than we were hoping to pay..

Susan sent through the TOR as part of the briefing on the 3rd but I have attached again

My understanding is that the selection process is a conversation with you and Alasdair to test capability requirement against those laid out in the document, and to ascertain availability and cost.

So I think the next step would be for you both to meet maybe a couple, I would suggest Hooper and one other.

Having read the attached document and having been in a couple of the meetings with JFSA, SS etc. it really is essential that we get the right person for the Chair. They have to be seen to be independent so that the various interest groups can have confidence in the scheme.

I know Susan thinks we have made a reasonable start but that the wrong chair in the eyes of the JFSA or JA would take us backwards and if we are going to transition SS out of the equation a chair who is strong and will take a decision based on facts whether it will be in POLs favour or not would be a great asset.

Hope that helps, if you want me to be involved in the 'interviews' just let me know

Thanks

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