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Dear Ms Boyle

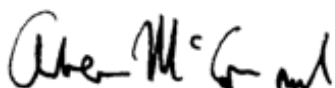
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Thank you for your letter of 24 November. I did consider challenging your comments at the time, but I have always assumed that the Chair's summing up at the conclusion of an evidence session is the last word on the day. I apologise if that was inappropriate in the context of the session on 21 October: I recognise that some of the points that I made in my letter of 13 November could have been made at the time (though other aspects of the letter required further consideration, including review of the transcript of evidence).

I look forward to seeing the Committee's Report on this issue.

With best regards for the New Year,

Yours sincerely,



**ANDREW McCORMICK**