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To: All Members

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Dear Member,

Last week the Assembly approved the appointment of Mark McEwan as the new Commissioner for Standards.

Mr McEwan has today informed the Clerk/ Chief Executive that he has been appointed as Deputy Chief Constable of the Surrey Constabulary and he has therefore stepped down as Commissioner of Standards with immediate effect as he prepares for his new role.

The recent recruitment competition conducted by the Assembly Commission for the appointment of the Commissioner of Standards produced a list of appointable candidates. The Assembly Commission will now go through the necessary processes of pre-appointment checks in the coming weeks to come back to the Assembly to nominate a new Commissioner for Standards as soon as possible.

While the Assembly Commission would have preferred not to have to come back to the Assembly on this matter so soon, this is a significant appointment for Mr McEwan and I therefore wish him every success in his new role.

Yours sincerely

**EDWIN POOTS MLA
SPEAKER**