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To: Chris Hodge

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Dear Chris Hodge

Conscious that the deadline for consultation is 5th March I wanted in relation to Code Provision B.7.1 simply to cast my vote for the second of the alternatives, namely the annual election of the chairman. I feel strongly that the focus of the revised Code on chairman responsibilities is most welcome and is key to future progress in corporate governance.

I do not know if you are in a position to help me on this but I am in the process of preparation of the 4th edition of the book I wrote some years ago for Sweet & Maxwell ('A Practical Guide to Corporate Governance') which will incorporate the revised Code.

It would be of great help if you had a view on the possible timing of:

- The publication of the revised Code;
- The publication of the Stewardship Code (I'm aware that consultation is going on at the moment but it would be good to know approximately when the Code itself is hoped to be available);
- The publication of any revision to the Turnbull Guidance

Yours sincerely

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