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**Cc:** [Cousins, Heather](#); [McCormick, Andrew \(DFE\)](#)  
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I have spoken to the PAC clerk on this issue - while it is not definite that they would wish to call this individual it is obviously an option.

I would agree with DSO's advice that the individual should be advised of the committee's request and her views sought as to whether or not she is content that her name is released by the dept - this could be done in confidence to the Committee with caveats, if required, that the name should not be disclosed / given in open session.

If she does not agree, the dept can advise the PAC accordingly and then it would be up to PAC as to how they might wish to proceed. The clerk thought this was a reasonable proposal for progressing the matter.

It would be useful if contact could be made with the individual asap – preferably tomorrow so that feedback one way or the other can be provided to the committee.

Members may have some questions on the person's identity either way.

On a side issue the clerk also mentioned that the committee think the level of redaction is excessive on the documents provided to date, especially in relation to the applicants.

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