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RE-APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL ADVISER

In accordance with the Code of Practice for the Appointment of Special Advisers, I would like to inform you that I have re-appointed Stephen Brimstone as my Special Adviser.

I have consulted with a number of stakeholders and assessed a number of potential candidates as well as considering both the job description and person specification outlined at Annex A and have concluded that Stephen is by far the best candidate available.

As Minister I need to have the utmost confidence and trust in the individual who fills this vacancy. Having taken detailed advice from my predecessor, Nelson McCausland, I am satisfied that the knowledge, experience and skills Stephen brought to the post, combined with the wealth of experience and contacts he has built up in DSD over recent years, make him the ideal candidate to fulfil this role. His appointment has the added advantage of bringing continuity to my office. I would therefore propose that Stephen is appointed at an annual salary of Personal information redacted by the RHI

I would be grateful if you would make the necessary arrangements to formalise this re-appointment.



Mervyn Storey
Minister for Social Development