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Dear Mr Marsden

Re: Parliamentary Question 117126 on the appointment of Route Panels

The Department for Education has asked me to respond to you directly on behalf of the Institute for Apprenticeships regarding your Parliamentary Question 117126 in which you enquire about the appointments process and selection criteria for the Route Panels of the Institute for Apprenticeships.

The Panel Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members were all recruited following an open competition that ran for six weeks.

The key selection criteria were:

- Deep, credible sectoral/occupational route expertise and the achievement of a level of seniority and credibility as a practitioner within that sector/occupational route.
- Securing an appropriate balance of representatives from different parts of an occupational route and from different types of employers to get the right spread and weighting and to minimise overlap.
- Minimising risk of conflict of interest in relation to professional bodies, training providers, current members of active Trailblazer groups.

I hope this helpfully answers your question.

Yours sincerely



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