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Dear Greg,

I am pleased to inform you that we are launching the recruitment campaign for ARIA's leadership today. An advertisement for the Chief Executive position launches today and the campaign to recruit the chair will commence with an advertisement on the 5th July.

The committee has highlighted the importance of ARIA's leadership and we want to recruit a Chief Executive who will provide the creative, inspiring leadership that the organisation will need – building an exceptional team and embedding the high-risk, high-reward culture to ensure that ARIA thrives. It will also be vitally important to identify a Chair who will empower and support the CEO in their aims, providing challenge where necessary.

Both appointments will be open and fair processes. We have appointed Saxton Bampfylde Ltd to act as an employment agency advisor, and all applications will be reviewed by an expert panel comprising the Government's Chief Scientific Advisor, Sir Patrick Vallance; BEIS's Director General for Science, Innovation and Growth, Jo Shanmugalingam; Former Director of DARPA, Arati Prabhakar; and Director of Stanford ChEM-H, Carolyn Bertozzi.

For further information on the role please visit www.saxbam.com/appointments using reference QAPASB for Chief Executive, and QAPASA for the Chair (after 5th July).

We would welcome any recommendations from the committee on individuals we should be engaging and encouraging to apply for either of the leadership positions.

I will be placing a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House.

Yours ever,

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Innovation