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Dear Mrs Baillie

## **INDEPENDENT PANEL FOR FORESTRY**

Thank you for your email of 19 February to the Secretary of State the accountability of the Independent Panel to consider forestry policy. I have been asked to reply.

Your comments have been noted and passed to the team dealing with this issue.

The Panels membership is still being considered. It will include representatives of key environmental and access organisations, alongside representatives of the forestry industry. It will need to draw on a broad range of expertise to inform its work. The Independent Panel will offer advice to the Secretary of State who will then consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Tucker".

Julie Tucker  
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