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Dear *Paul*,

#### Triennial Review

Following our recent discussions about the Local Commissioners' submission in respect of the forthcoming Local Government White Paper, I thought it would be helpful if I record the position in respect of the triennial review.


As you know, Section 23(12) of the Local Government Act 1974 (as amended) places a duty on the Commission to undertake a review every three years of the operation of this legislation, in so far as it applies to the investigation of complaints. The date for the next triennial review fell during the 2005/06 financial year.

The Local Commissioners' November 2005 submission to the ODPM on the Local Government White Paper included a thorough review of the legislation governing the investigation of complaints. It is my understanding that this submission could be interpreted as constituting the triennial review for 2005/06, and therefore discharged the Commission's duties under Section 23(12).

It would be helpful if you could confirm that this is the position.

It follows that the next triennial review of the Local Government Act 1974 will fall due during the 2008/09 financial year.

Yours sincerely

  
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