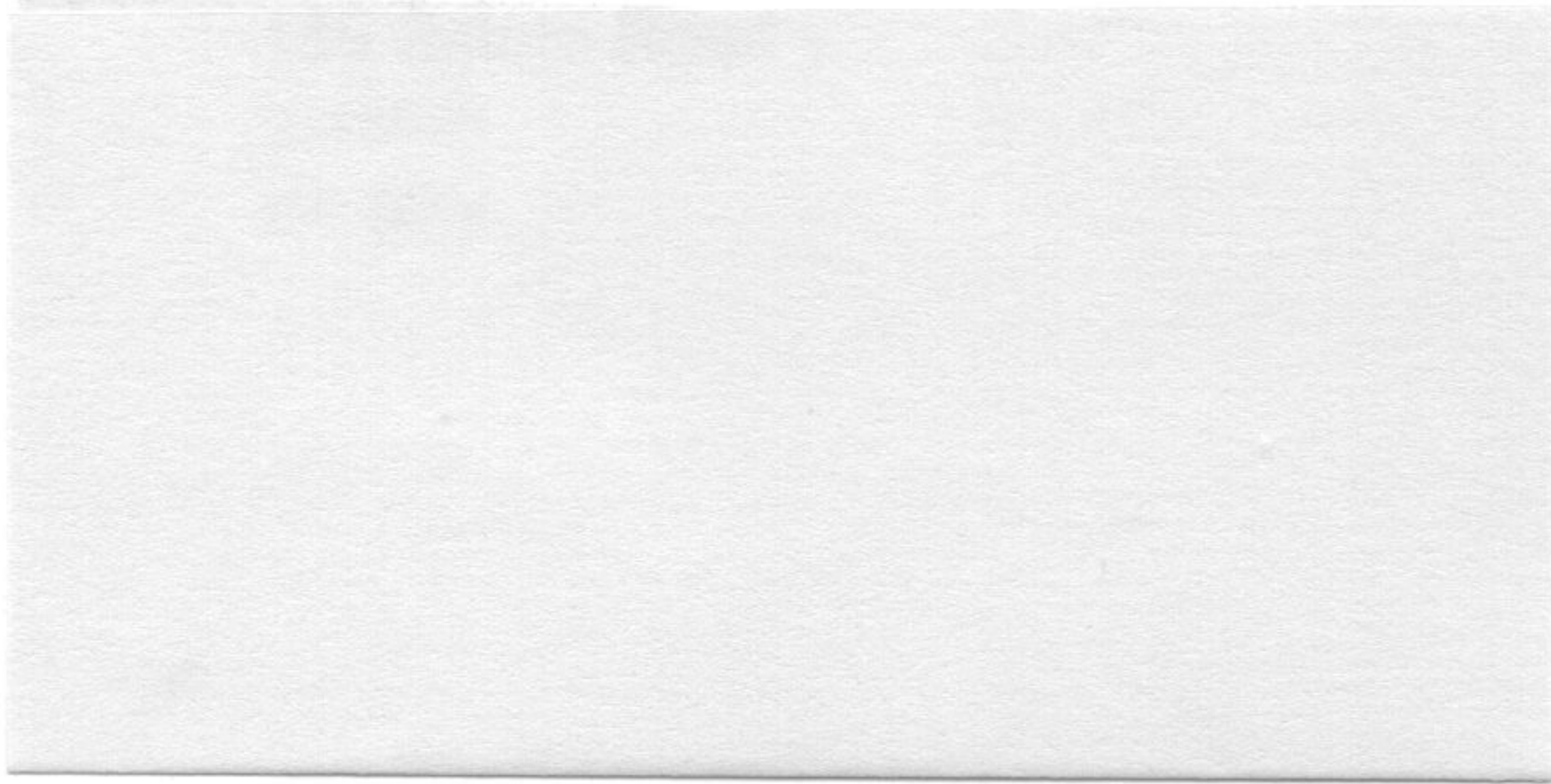




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Sam Gyimah MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary
of State for Justice

Mrs Faith Spear



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Dear Faith

HOLLESLEY BAY IMB: INVESTIGATION OUTCOME

I am aware that the former Prisons Minister suspended you from your duties as the Chair of Hollesley Bay Independent Monitoring Board in June 2016, pending an investigation into your conduct. The investigation has been completed. I have been provided with the relevant papers, including the Disciplinary Panel report which you have seen and your letter of appeal.

There is clear evidence that you have repeatedly disclosed official, classified and other information, often in an inaccurate manner. You have not denied this and in so doing you have failed to comply with agreed policies and procedures. You have also failed to comply with the standards expected of public appointees. These failures have happened despite repeated reminders about the confidentiality of the information. This inevitably undermines the confidence of the public and the reputation of Independent Monitoring Boards generally with an obvious negative impact on prisoners. It is important that you are held to account for these serious failures.

Having considered all the information that has been made available to me; I have decided to terminate your appointment as Chair of Hollesley Bay IMB and your membership of Hollesley Bay or any other Independent Monitoring Board for a period of 5 years, with immediate effect.

A copy of this letter is being sent to John Thornhill, President of the National Council for Independent Monitoring Boards and to the Governor of Hollesley Bay Prison and Young Offender Institution.

Yours sincerely

SAM GYIMAH MP