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Dear Mr Gardiner,

I write to apologise for the errors which gave rise to the conclusion that you had failed to clear a debt owed to IPSA.

We take very seriously our responsibility to ensure the accuracy of information that we put into the public domain. Clearly, on this occasion, we failed you and the public. The fact that it happens very rarely in no way excuses it nor mitigates the harm done.

I have instigated a thorough investigation into how this operational error can have come about. I have also asked the Executive to take appropriate steps to correct the public record.

Yours Sincerely,

**Professor Sir Ian Kennedy** 

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Chairman