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Dear Kirsty

Yesterday at the weekly press lobby briefing, I stated, on the clear and explicit advice from the relevant senior officials, that no officials from IBW had flown first class.

Today I have learned that this is not the case. I apologise for having misled you and the wider public.

I need hardly say how disturbed I am by this latest information now to hand. I am instructing the Permanent Secretary to undertake an immediate and thorough investigation and audit of IBW's expenditure and audit systems. This review will be led from outside the Assembly Government. This will be in addition to, and quite separate from, the work which is being put in place to review our civil service expenses system and comparative exercise between IBW and other trade and investment bodies elsewhere in the UK.

We are now entering into recess, but I will write to you again by the end of July, in order that you and other members can be informed of progress.

*Yours
Rhodri*

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