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Dear Mr Arbour

GLA Elections in Barnet

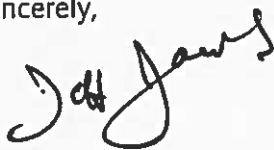
Thank you for your letter of 18 May setting out the Assembly's motion and asking me for a response.

The Assembly's motion calls on London Elects and the Electoral Commission to intervene actively to take over the running of London Borough of Barnet's electoral register and that another London local authority should take over the management of the EU Referendum in Barnet. London Elects and I in my capacity as Greater London Returning Officer only have powers in relation to the running of the Greater London Authority elections and have none in relation to Barnet's electoral register or the management of the EU Referendum either in Barnet or any other part of London.

The Assembly is of course conducting an investigation into specific incidents relating to the GLA elections and the delivery of elections in general and I will be co-operating fully with the investigation. As I publically indicated on 7 May, and confirmed at Oversight Committee yesterday, I am conducting my own investigation into the technical issues which led to the delay in announcing the final result of the Mayoral election.

I am copying this letter to Claire Bassett at the Electoral Commission.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of Paid Service

Cc: Claire Bassett, Chief Executive The Electoral Commission