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From: Halliday, Samuel [mailto:Samuel.Halliday@gov.im] On Behalf Of CO, Chief Minister Private Office  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2022 2:38 PM  
To: Trevor Cowin  
Subject: RE: Rob Callister's "alleged" sacking.

Dear Mr Cowin,

I would like to highlight a typographical error that I made in my previous email to you. The Chief Minister informed His Excellency on the 10th November that Mr Callister no longer had his concurrence to be a Minister, not the 15th November as previously stated.

In terms of the process that led us to Minister Hooper as Minister for Health and Social Care, I would confirm the following:

- The Chief Minister selected Mr Callister as a Minister and recommended his appointment to the Governor (and the Governor appointed Mr Callister as Minister pursuant to section 3 (1) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990);
- There is a requirement that the warrant of appointment of each Minister is enrolled in the Public Records Office (section 3 (4) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990) – Mr Callister's warrant will be enrolled in due course.
- Section 3 (1) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990 gives the Governor the right to appoint a Minister and this right to appoint extends to also having the right to "end the appointment and appoint someone else" – see section 79 (1) (c) of the Interpretation Act 2015.
- The Governor did this in his appointment of Mr Hooper as Minister for Health and Social Care. Mr Hooper's instrument will be laid before the December sitting of Tynwald Court, and then duly enrolled at the Public Records Office.
- There is no requirement in the Council of Ministers Act 1990 for any document to end an appointment.

I trust that this now finally clarifies the matter.

Kind regards,  
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