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Dear Sir or Madam

Making it easier for charities to sell and make other disposals of land

Our brief responses to your consultation questions are attached. If you require further clarification then please let me know.

Broadly speaking we are very supportive of this initiative which we see as of benefit to charities as well as to our Fellows.

Please advise us of the likely timetable for changes to the legislation.

Yours faithfully



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Q1. Do you agree that the section 36 definition should be extended to include Fellows of the NAEA?

Yes, provided Fellowship has been attained by qualification.

In our view Section 36(4)(b), reasonable belief of ability and experience, should also apply to Fellows.

The Cabinet Office may benefit from updates regarding possible changes to our qualifications and/or grade of membership.

Q2. Do you agree that, if implemented, the extension will reduce the cost of obtaining reports for charities? If you agree and can provide an estimate, how much do you think the average saving will be? In what circumstances are savings likely to be made?

Increased competition should reduce costs. We are also conscious of the decreasing numbers of chartered surveyors.

Q3. Do you agree that, if implemented, the change will increase charity trustees' choice and make it easier for them to find a 'qualified surveyor'?

Yes.