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Development Impact (IACDI)

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*Dear David,*

Thank you for your letter of 12 November.

Over the last 3 years, IACDI's achievements have resulted in significant improvements to the quality and effectiveness of DFID's evaluation activity. As you know, DFID's commitment to building on this success is being taken forward under two work-streams – one through the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) and the other via the Evaluation & Evidence Strategy Group (EESG), led by Michael Anderson.

I have noted the suggestions you made on ICAI and will ensure that Graham Ward, the Chief Commissioner, receives a copy of your letter. I know that he is already considering many of the issues you raise.

Effective lesson learning is a powerful asset to any organisation. The Committee's findings and recommendations on improving how DFID can benefit more from effective lesson learning is extremely timely and useful. Further reflection on the design and implementation of an influential lesson learning strategy will continue.

DFID's strong push towards better value for money, results, transparency and accountability continues at a fast pace. IACDI's impressive contributions will continue to inform the way forward and help to positively impact on the world's poorest people.



DFID has greatly benefited from IACDI's invaluable guidance over the last 3 years. On behalf of DFID, I wish to express my sincere thanks to you and all the Committee members for your very substantial guidance, expertise and commitment.

I am copying this letter to Malcolm Bruce, Chair of the International Development Committee.

With my thanks and  
every good wish,  
(Yours truly,  
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