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evidence*

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Summary

On 25 November 2009 we held a pre-appointment hearing with the Government's preferred candidate for the Chair of Natural England, Poul Christensen.

On the basis of the evidence provided by Mr Christensen at this hearing, we have concluded that he is a suitable person for the post.

