

PRIME MINISTER

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THE NATIONAL GALLERY

I have expressed no view on any of the applicants for Director of the National Gallery.

I have been pressing for a considerable time for recommendations for Director of the National Gallery, and I have been concerned that recommendations have not been put before now.

A report attributing to me certain views concerning applicants is without any foundation in fact.

The matter in the first instance was one for recommendation by the Gallery Council. It will be Cabinet that will make the appointment. It is not my appointment.