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29 March 2018

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ORR welcomes the cross industry approach that is already being taken to consider how to address the recommendations through the LRTSSB steering group and we encourage all end implementers of these recommendations to participate in that group's activities.

We now require XX² to provide us with:

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Your response should include internal actions to address the recommendations and explain how you are participating in cross industry implementation activities. Please provide this information by **31 May 2018**. If you think you will need more time to respond then please contact me to agree when you can provide the required information. We recognise that there may be circumstances where the action(s) you propose to take to deal with the risks identified in RAIB's report differ from the exact terms of their recommendation. As part of your response please make this clear if this is the case, and explain why you consider that your actions will secure the same outcome.

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