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**JEREMY BEETON**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the applications from Mr Beeton, who is seeking permission to accept part-time appointments with Macquarie, Infrastructure and Real Assets (Europe) Ltd, as an adviser on the company's worldwide infrastructure projects; and as a member of the Advisory Board of PricewaterhouseCoopers Services Ltd, and providing indirect advice to PwC's partners or clients, following the expiry of his civil service contract on 31 October 2012.

In considering the applications, the Committee noted that Mr Beeton has not had any official dealings with his prospective employers or their competitors, and that he has not been involved in any decisions concerning them, or in any developing policy that could affect their business.

On the basis that there is no change to the relevant circumstances of his applications before Mr Beeton leaves the civil service, the Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that the applications be approved subject to the conditions that, for 12 months from his last day of service, he should not provide advice on any bid or contract directly relating to the work of the DCMS, and that, for two years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of his new employers, their partners or clients. The Business Appointment Rules define lobbying in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted".

The Prime Minister accepted this advice.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Beeton takes up these appointments, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for convenience).

We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments which have not been taken up or announced, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether he had complied with the Rules. Similarly, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mr Beeton inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with Macquarie, Infrastructure and Real Assets (Europe) Ltd or with PricewaterhouseCoopers Services Ltd, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointments has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the application, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

**ROGER SAMPSON**