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**DAVID BEHAN**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from David Behan, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time position as the Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission following his resignation from Crown service on 29 July 2012.

The Committee noted that, due to uncertainty as to whether Mr Behan would remain a civil servant when he took up his new post, the appointment was accepted and announced before its advice had been sought. However, it also noted that the CQC is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department of Health and that as a result the usual concerns regarding former officials lobbying on behalf of their new employers do not apply here.

Therefore, the Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that the application be approved unconditionally.

The Prime Minister accepted this advice.

As this is a retrospective application we intend to publish a copy of this letter on our website (<http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>) shortly, and include the main details of the appointment, together with the Advisory Committee's advice on it and the date on which it was taken up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

I should be grateful if you would inform us if Mr Behan proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with the CQC as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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