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The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from ACM Bryant, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time appointment as a Programme Director with BAE Systems after retiring from the RAF on a date to be agreed.

Having received detailed advice from the applicant's former department, the Committee noted that ACM Bryant's had no commercial dealings with BAE Systems (and other companies) and any contact was limited to ensuring that it had a clear view of Air Command's priorities. The Committee also noted that the proposed role will be solely Middle East facing with no responsibility for UK sales.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that the application be approved subject to a waiting period of three months from his last day of service and to the condition that, for two years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying UK Government on behalf of his new employer. 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".

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as ACM Bryant take up this appointment, or, if earlier, when 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 inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with BAE Systems, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website at <http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>, 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.

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