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PATRICK CRAWFORD

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Patrick Crawford to accept a full-time post as Chief Executive of Charity Bank, following his resignation from the Civil Service on a date to be determined.

In considering this application, the Committee noted that Mr Crawford had had no official dealings with Charity Bank or access to any commercially sensitive information that would affect his application. It also noted his undertaking that in his new post he would have no involvement with the Export Credit Guarantee Department, UK Trade and Investment, or Crossrail Limited, or with any UK company in relation to exporting or investing overseas or with any UK export-related activities.

The Prime Minister has accepted the advice of the Committee that the application be approved subject to the condition that, for two years from Mr Crawford's last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of his new employer or its investors. 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".

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Crawford takes up this appointment, or 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.

Once the appointment 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

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Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

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