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**JOHN COLLINGTON**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from John Collington, the Government's Chief Procurement Officer, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time appointment as the Chief Operating Officer of Alexander Mann Solutions following his resignation from the Civil Service on 31 July 2012.

When considering the application the Committee noted that Mr Collington's new role will focus on the management of AMS' delivery centres and improving efficiency rather than directly engaging with clients or potential clients, and he has stated clearly that he will not be involved in bidding for Government work. It also noted that he had had no official dealings with AMS.

The Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that the application be approved subject to the conditions that:

- for 12 months from his last day of service, Mr Collington should not become involved in advising on bids or contracts for government business; and that
- for two years from the same date, he should not become personally involved in lobbying government on behalf of his new employer or its clients. 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 Collington takes up this appointment, or if it is announced that he will do so. 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 Collington inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with AMS as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary

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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 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.

**BETH WATSON**

Cc: John Collington