



Ministry of JUSTICE

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By email

2 November 2012

Dear David,

APPLICATION TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT OUTSIDE THE CIVIL SERVICE

I am pleased to inform you that Ursula Brennan, Permanent Secretary, has approved your application for a full-time appointment as Head of Media for Hacked Off, with the following condition:

That for the six-month duration of your contract, you should not become personally involved in lobbying UK Government on behalf of your new employer. 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". Should the contract be extended beyond six months, you would need to seek separate approval under the Rules, in the same way as you would for any other work you wished to accept within two years from your last day of service.

Additionally, you will be required to confirm in writing to the department that you recognise that you will continue to be bound by the provisions of the criminal law which protect certain categories of information, including the Official Secrets Act, and by your duty of confidentiality to the Crown.

I would be grateful if you would ensure that the Office of the Advisory Committee on Business appointments are informed as soon as you take up the appointment, or if it is announced that you will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose).

On 2 February 2011, the new business appointment rules came into effect for those who have left the Civil Service on or after 2 February 2011. As you are leaving the Civil Service after this date, you are subject to these business appointment rules, which I have attached for your reference.

If you have any questions about this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.



I am copying this to Ursula Brennan's Office, Private Office Directorate and the Office of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments for information.

I would be grateful if you could ensure a copy of this letter is sent to Professor Brian Cathcart at Hacked Off.

Yours sincerely