

1 October 2012

Dear Christine

Business Appointment Application

Thank you for your business appointment application seeking approval to take up two part-time appointments in the Constitutional offices of Danny Alexander MP and John Thurso MP together with independent work as a Broadcaster and Columnist which will involve commenting on Scottish political issues after your last day as a crown civil servant on 30 June 2012.

I can confirm that Richard Heaton, Permanent Secretary, on the advice of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, has approved your application subject to the condition that, for 12 months from the last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of your new employers and their clients.

The Business Appointment Rules define lobbying in the following way "Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communications 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 would be grateful if you would inform me of when you have taken up the proposed appointments, or when it is announced so I can advise ACOBA in case they receive any enquiries about your appointment. I have enclosed a form for this purpose.

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

Yours sincerely