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**VICE ADMIRAL PAUL LAMBERT**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Vice Admiral Paul Lambert, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time paid appointment as Secretary General with the Order of St John following his last day in post and Crown service on 3 April 2012.

When considering this application, the Committee noted that Vice Admiral Lambert had no previous involvement with his prospective employer or its competitors. The Committee also noted that your Department has no relationship with the Order of St John and that Vice Admiral Lambert's proposed responsibilities are removed from his MOD duties. The Committee took into account that it is anticipated that the appointment will not include any contact and/or dealings with your Department/Government or any lobbying activity. Furthermore, it is now ten months since Vice Admiral Lambert left Crown service.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that the application be approved subject to the condition that for two years from his last day of service, Vice Admiral Lambert should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of his 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".

I should be grateful if you could inform us of your final decision and send us a copy of your letter to Vice Admiral Lambert informing him of the outcome of his application. Please also ensure that we are told when Vice Admiral Lambert takes up this post or, if earlier, when 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 that 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. In line with our usual practice, we will then publish brief details on our website (<http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>) including, with your agreement, a copy of your letter.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Vice Admiral Lambert informs us if he proposes to change his role with the Order of St John because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Yours sincerely,

**Raj Bahia**