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**BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR JONATHAN EVANS KCB**

The Committee considered the application from your Director General, Sir Jonathan Evans, who is seeking permission to accept a part-time appointment with HSBC Holdings as a non-executive director and Chair of its Board Committee on Financial System Vulnerabilities, following his retirement from Crown service on 21 April 2013.

After careful scrutiny the Committee has concluded that Sir Jonathan's proposed appointment raises no propriety concerns.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that his application be approved subject to the usual waiting period of three-months from his last day of service observed by Permanent Secretaries and their equivalents, and to the condition 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. 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 ensure that we are informed as soon as Sir Jonathan takes up the employment with HSBC, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). 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 inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with HSBC Holdings, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to

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make a fresh application.

Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website (with the redaction of your details) 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.

Yours sincerely,

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