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

The Committee has considered an application from your Director General, Sir Jonathan Evans, who is seeking permission to accept an unpaid appointment as a Senior Associate Fellow with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

As you know, Sir Jonathan left Crown service on 21 April 2013. He hopes to take up the appointment with RUSI on 1 September 2013.

The Committee noted that the appointment might include dealings with his former Department/Government because occasionally there might be public officials at events where Sir Jonathan might be asked to talk/participate. Furthermore, the Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has had official dealings with RUSI on two occasions in recent years and has been a member of their Advisory Board for several years. The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan has not had contractual dealings and he has not been responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service.

The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer. Furthermore, he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including the award of grants) that could affect his proposed employer.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that Sir Jonathan's application be approved subject to the following conditions:

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**Members:**

Mark Addison, Sir Colin Budd KCMG, Rt Hon Lord Dholakia OBE,  
Mary Jo Jacobi, Rt Hon Lord Lang of Monkton (Chairman), Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE  
Sir Hugh Stevenson, General the Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG CBE

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- a waiting period of three months from his last day of service - we note that this will not affect his plans because he does not intend to take up the position before 1 September 2013. This is the usual waiting period observed by Permanent Secretaries and their equivalents.
- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK 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 appointment with RUSI, 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 RUSI, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary 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 (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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**Committee Secretariat**

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