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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: VICE ADMIRAL SIR ANDREW MATHEWS

The Committee has considered an application from Vice Admiral Sir Andrew Mathews who is seeking permission to accept a part-time, paid appointment, as a non-executive Director for the National Nuclear Laboratory (NNL).

Sir Andrew left Crown service on 25 March 2014. He hopes to take up the appointment with the NNL in July 2014.

The Committee took into account that Sir Andrew has not had contractual or official dealings, nor has he been responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with NNL during his last two years of service. The Committee also noted that Sir Andrew had dealings with other companies whilst employed at the Ministry of Defence; however these companies are not competitors of the NNL. The Committee noted that as standard practice MOD had written to these companies and has not received any objections.

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

- 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, its parent company 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 Andrew takes up the appointment with NNL, 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 NNL, 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 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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