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Application to accept an outside appointment: LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM ROLLO KCB CBE.

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has been asked to consider an application from Lt Gen Rollo, former Deputy Chief of Defence Staff. His last day of Crown Service was 22 June 2013.

Lt Gen Rollo is seeking approval to take up employment with The Military Mutual Ltd., a company offering personal insurance policies to serving military personnel, veterans and reservists based in London. Lt. Gen Rollo's principal task will be to oversee the direction of the Mutual in the interests of its members.

The Committee noted that the appointment is likely to include contact with his former department. As such the proposed appointment does carry the perception of risk, recognising that in his last role he was responsible for the policy for the Armed Forces personal injury/life assurance schemes, and The Military Mutual Ltd., may seek to offer such services in the future. However, current MoD insurance providers have been approached and they have raised no objections and the MoD see no conflict of interest in his appointment. It is also noted that Lt Gen Rollo left Crown Service a year ago.

The appointment is part-time, 6 - 20 days per year and he will be paid.

The Committee took into account that Lt Gen Rollo has had no official dealings with his prospective employer.

The Secretary of State accepted the Committee's advice that this application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 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; and
- He should not draw on privileged information available to him as a Crown servant.

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 let us know when Lt Gen Rollo takes up this appointment, or when 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.

Once the appointment has been taken up or announced, we will publish this letter on the Advisory Committee’s website and include the main details of the appointment, together with the Committee’s advice and the date on which he took it up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Lt Gen Rollo informs us if he proposes to change his role with this company because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Heidi Ferguson
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