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

The Committee has considered an application from your former Director General, Sir Jonathan Evans, who is seeking permission to accept a part-time appointment, as an Advisory Board member for Dark Trace (DT).

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

The Committee noted that the appointment will not include dealings with your Department/Government. The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan has not had contractual dealings or official 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 dealt with many other companies at a superficial level in his former government role - he had representational and occasional top management intervention with companies and he was responsible for the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure. The Committee took into account that DT is a start-up company, which may compete with companies that Sir Jonathan had dealings with. He confirms that it is unclear at this stage quite how the company will develop.

The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer; nor access to policy or any other departmental information that would give Invoke Capital an advantage. 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.

**Members:**

Mark Addison, Sir Colin Budd KCMG, Rt Hon Lord Dholakia OBE,  
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The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that Sir Jonathan's application be approved subject to the following conditions; and noting that the automatic three-month waiting period applicable to former Permanent Secretaries will have expired:

- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service. The Committee felt that this condition was especially pertinent in this case, given the sensitive nature of Sir Jonathan's former role and the need to avoid the perception that DT was gaining an unfair advantage due to it; 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 Jonathan takes up the appointment with DT, 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 DT, 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**