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You asked for the Committee's advice about taking up appointments with The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP and Bain & Company, having left your ministerial position in 2014.

*The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP*

Your role would involve being an advisor/consultant assisting Blackstone's in-house team in assessing value in investment opportunities, primarily in healthcare, working approximately 2 days per month. When considering your application, the Committee took into account that you did not have any direct official dealings with Blackstone during your last two years in office.

*Bain & Company*

Your role would involve being a consultant and see you leading a discussion on innovation in healthcare with Bain's clients and consultants. It is still to be determined how much time you will spend working for the company. When considering your application, the Committee took into account that you did not have any direct, official dealings with Bain during your last two years in office.

The Committee also noted that your former departments, Cabinet Office and Department of Health, have no propriety concerns regarding your appointments.

Taking into account all of the circumstances, the Committee sees no reason why you should not take up these appointments, subject to the following conditions:

- That you should not draw on any privileged information available to you from your time in Government; and
- For two years from your last day in ministerial office, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the Government on behalf of The Blackstone Group International Partners LLP, Bain & Company, their subsidiaries, partners or clients

It might be helpful if I add that the Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that former Ministers "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 would inform us as soon as you take up these appointments or, if earlier, when it is announced that you will do so, either by returning the enclosed form or by emailing the office at the above address. 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. This could lead to a false assumption being made about whether you have complied with the Ministerial Code.

Once the appointments have been publicly announced or taken up, we will include the main details, together with the Advisory Committee’s advice on it and the date on which it was taken up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in our annual report.

*Baroness Browning*

*Rt Hon Andrew Lansley*