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The Committee has considered your request to accept a commission with Barclays Bank PLC (Barclays) in your capacity as a Partner at Hanbury Strategy and Communications Limited (Hanbury).

You have sought the Committee's advice about a commission to provide policy advice to Barclays, the multinational banking and financial services company headquartered in London.

You stated that the commission will likely be for an initial period of 12 months and that you will be providing the services to Barclays in your capacity as a Partner at Hanbury. Hanbury confirmed with the Committee that the services provided to Barclays will be in relation to how the decision to exit the European Union will potentially impact the business.

Hanbury told the Committee you had no official dealings with Barclays whilst you were in office. Hanbury also advised this work will not involve contact with Government. You further provided assurances to the Committee that you will not lobby or contact the Government on behalf of Barclays.

The Committee also noted you confirmed you would not draw on privileged information from your time in office. It took into account that the Government's strategy on leaving the EU has now been made public and that in the 11 months since you left office, this issue has moved on significantly.

In accordance with the Government's Business Appointment Rules, the Committee advised this commission with Barclays be subject to the following conditions:

- you should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of yourself or the organisation to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to you from your time in Crown service; and
- for two years from your last day in office you should not become personally involved in lobbying the Government on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC or its partners, or make use, directly or indirectly, of your contacts in Government and/ or Crown service to influence policy or secure business on behalf of Barclays Bank PLC or its partners.

As before, the Committee would expect you to seek further advice if you propose to extend or otherwise change the nature of this commission and in relation to any new commissions, before taking them up.

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a Minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not been made publicly available. Applicants are also reminded that they may be subject to other duties of confidentiality, whether under the Official Secrets Act, the Civil Service Code or otherwise. (As with all Special Advisers, the Committee makes this recommendation on the understanding that, if you have not already done so, you must confirm in writing to your former department that you recognise that you continue to be bound by the provisions of the criminal law (including the Official Secrets Act), which protect certain categories of information, and by your duty of confidentiality owed to the Crown.)

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister *"should not engage in communication with Government (Ministers, civil servants, including special advisers, and other relevant officials/public office holders) – wherever it takes place - with a view to influencing a Government decision, policy or contract award/grant in relation to their own interests or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted or with which they hold office."*

I should be grateful if you would inform us as soon as you take up this commission, or if it is announced that you will do so. This will enable the Committee to publish this letter and brief details on the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

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