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Dear Sir John O'Reilly,

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**INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY – NEW COMMISSIONS**

The Committee has considered your request to accept two paid part-time commissions under the terms of your independent consultancy. These commissions are with the External Review Committee for the Carnegie-Mellon Portugal Programme and the Scientific Peer Review Panel for the Leverhulme Trust.

The Committee noted that you wish to take up these commissions as soon as possible. Your commission with the External Review Committee will run throughout 2015 and 2016 and your commission with the Leverhulme Trust is expected to run up until 31 December 2015.

The Committee further noted that neither commission will involve any interaction with the UK Government nor is the UK Government involved in these project areas.

**The Committee therefore agrees that this Commission is permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy.**

**The conditions that apply to your independent consultancy are:**

- That you should not draw on privileged information available to you as a Crown servant;
- For two years from your last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of your new employer or its client; and
- Once you have received approval to set up as an independent consultant, for two years from your last day of service you must seek confirmation from the **Committee directly** that each individual commission is permissible under the terms of your

consultancy before taking it up. If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy, you will be expected to submit a fresh application.

I would be grateful if you would let me know when you take up these commissions, or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish brief details on the regularly updated consolidated list on its website and in its next annual report. This letter may also be published (with relevant redaction of personal information).

Yours sincerely,

**Baljit Rayit**  
**Committee Secretariat**