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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR PAUL JENKINS

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Sir Paul Jenkins, the former Treasury Solicitor, who is seeking permission to accept three new appointments to: provide a review of the governance arrangements for security in the Palace of Westminster; become a member of an International Expert Governance Advisory Panel for Ernst & Young, advising the Federal Government of Canada; and to undertake a joint consultancy project for the New Zealand Government Legal Service/Crown Law and Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB). Sir Paul retired from Crown service on 28 February 2014.

When considering these applications, the Committee noted that none of the appointments were likely to include contact/dealings with Sir Paul's former Department/Government. The Committee took into account that Sir Paul had had no official dealings with the House of Commons/House of Lords or Ernst & Young, and that his official dealings with the New Zealand Attorney General had been limited to four discussions, which were all within the normal course of business. They further noted that he had had some contact with the Head of GCSB while Treasury Solicitor, but that this had only been of a social nature and they had last worked together in 1992.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that, the three month waiting period for Permanent Secretaries having already expired, these applications be approved subject to the conditions that:

- Sir Paul should not draw on privileged information available to him whilst in Crown service; 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 employers or their 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 Paul takes up any of these three roles, 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.

I should also be grateful if you would ask that Sir Paul informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change any of his three roles as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once these appointments have been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the applications, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C Millington'.

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