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Dear Mrs Allas

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY – NEW COMMISSION

The Committee has considered your request to accept a paid commission with Vivid Economics Ltd.

The Committee considered the fact that the project aim is to analyse the impact of the UK staying in or leaving the EU on energy markets and energy consumers. The project time frame is from April to June 2015 and your time commitment will be around 2-3 days. You will provide ideas for how to approach the question, participate in stakeholder interviews and provide challenge and quality assurance regarding the team's report.

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:

- you should not draw on privileged information available to you as a Crown servant;
- for two years from your last day in Crown service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying* the UK Government Ministers or Crown servants, including Special Advisers, on behalf of any of your employers/clients; 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.

*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 would be grateful if you would let me know when you take up this commission, 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

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Committee Secretariat