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JITINDER KOHLI

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Mr Kohli, who is seeking permission to accept a full-time appointment as Director in Deloitte Consulting's Federal Government practice when he leaves the Civil Service on 22 July 2012.

The Committee noted that Mr Kohli has been on sabbatical from the Civil Service since November 2009, that he had had no dealings with Deloitte whilst at the Better Regulation Executive, and that his new role will focus on strategy projects for clients in the US Government, particularly on work with developing countries.

The Committee recommended to the Prime Minister that the application be approved subject to the condition that, for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying UK Government on behalf of his new employer. 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.

The Prime Minister accepted this advice.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Kohli takes up this appointment, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for convenience). 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. Similarly, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mr Kohli inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with Deloitte Consulting LLP as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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

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