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Title: Business appointment applications

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Information request

Post employment applications and responses to them. Including numbers of applications and responses; refusals; kinds of applications from various ranks; destinations sectors or posts.

Information released

BIS has dealt with a total of 81 Business Appointment applications since BIS's creation in 2009. Of that 81, 55 applications were from those at SCS 2 and below.

The decisions on the applications were:

- 1 was withdrawn.
- 16 were approved unconditionally.
- 31 were approved with six months lobbying restriction.

7 were approved with twelve months lobbying restriction, of which 2 were given an addition 3 months waiting period.

Definition of Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with the Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with the 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.