

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS

Minutes of the meeting held at 35 Great Smith Street, SW1P 3BQ
Wednesday 27 October 2010 at 2.30pm

PRESENT

The Rt Hon Lord Lang of Monkton DL (Chairman)
Lord Dholakia OBE DL
The Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE
Sir Hugh Stevenson
Dame Juliet Wheldon DCB QC

Secretariat

Ms Sue Pither
Mr Roger Sampson
Ms Beth Watson

Apologies

General The Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG DL
Sir Colin Budd KCMG

Item 1 - Chairman's Update

The Chairman updated the rest of the Committee on his work since the last meeting.

It was noted that the new Business Appointment Rules had not yet been published and that this was delaying the publication of the Committee's 2009/10 Annual Report. It was agreed that the Annual Report should be published as soon as possible and definitely before the end of the calendar year.

ACTION: Secretary to advise the Cabinet Office that the Committee's Annual Report for 2009/10 may need to be published in advance of the new Business Appointment Rules if there is to be any further substantial delay. .

Item 2 - Minutes of last meeting / Matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 7th July, were agreed.

ACTION: Secretariat to circulate to members a grid setting out the grades/paybands/ranks for the differing departments/agencies

Item 3 - Policy Discussion

The Committee discussed a range of policy issues, the outcomes of which are recorded separately

Item 4 - Any Other Business

The Committee considered an application from a former Minister. The Chairman and Dame Juliet Wheldon recused themselves due to shareholdings in the companies concerned. The other members at the meeting were content with the advice.

Item 5 - Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8 December at 2.30pm