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AIR MARSHAL KEVIN LEESON

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered two applications from Air Marshal Kevin Leeson, former Chief of Material (Air), who is seeking permission to accept part-time appointments with Atkins (as a Senior Advisor) and the RAF Charitable Trust (as Chairman of Trustees and President of RIAT). His last day in post was 1 October 2012 and his last day in Crown Service before retiring will be 31 March 2013.

When considering the applications, the Committee noted that Air Marshal Leeson has had dealings with the two organisations he is seeking to work with while in post. No propriety concerns arose as a result of the dealings and the Committee took into account that the appointment with RAFCT is unpaid.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that:

- The applications be approved for Atkins and the RAF Charitable Trust subject to the condition that, for two years from his last day of service, Air Marshal Leeson should not become involved in lobbying UK Government on behalf of his new employers.

This restriction would not prevent him from having dealings with MOD as a normal part of the role with the RAF Charitable Trust to which he has been appointed.

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Air Marshal Leeson takes up these appointments. Please also ensure that we are told when Air Marshal Leeson

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takes up these posts or, if earlier, when it is announced that he will do so. We shall otherwise not be able to deal with any enquiries, since we do not release information about appointments that 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. In line with our usual practice, we will then publish brief details on our website (<http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>) including, with your agreement, a copy of your letter.

Similarly, should Air Marshal Leeson wish to extend or otherwise change the nature of his role with any of the organisations, he should inform the Committee as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Raj Bahia', written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Raj Bahia
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