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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR JONATHAN EVANS KCB

The Committee has considered the applications from your Director General, Sir Jonathan Evans, who is seeking permission to accept the following part-time appointments:

- [REDACTED] and
- a unpaid post as a Honorary Professor with St Andrews University (SAU).

As you know, Sir Jonathan's last day in Crown service is 21 April 2013. He hopes to take up the appointment with [REDACTED] and the appointment with SAU on 1 September 2013.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Members:

Mark Addison, Sir Colin Budd KCMG, Rt Hon Lord Dholakia OBE,
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[REDACTED]

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SAU

The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan's appointment might include dealings with his former Department/Government because occasionally there might be public officials at events where he might be asked to talk/participate. The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has had official dealings with SAU - he has spoken at the Centre on two occasions over the last eight years or so and one or two of the Security Service's staff have spent their sabbatical and equivalent periods there in recent years. The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan has not had any contractual dealings and he was not responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service. He has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer and he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including the award of grants) that could affect his proposed employer.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that Sir Jonathan's applications be approved subject to the following conditions:

- the usual waiting period of three months from his last day of service (which is the usual waiting period observed by Permanent Secretaries and their equivalents);
- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of his new employers or their clients.

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 should be grateful if you could ensure that we are informed as soon as Sir Jonathan takes up the appointments with [REDACTED] and SAU, or if it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for this purpose). 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 inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his roles with [REDACTED] or SAU, as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Once the appointments have been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website (with the redaction of your details) and include the main details of the applications, together with the Advisory Committee's advice, in the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in the next annual report.

Yours sincerely,

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Committee Secretariat

