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Dear Dr Lawrence,

Independent Consultancy - New Commission

The Committee has considered your request to accept a new commission with Pool Reinsurance Company Ltd (known as Pool Re).

The Committee noted that you have been invited to become a strategic advisor to Pool Re on data and geospatial matters.

The Committee agrees that this commission is permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy, which you established 'to provide strategic advice on how to optimise information assets in the global digital arena'.

The conditions that apply to your independent consultancy are:

- for two years from your last day of service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of any of your clients or those you advise;
- you should not draw on [disclose or use for the benefit of yourself or the organisations or persons to which this advice refers] privileged information available to you from your time in Crown service;
- for 12 months from your last day of service you should not undertake any work as a consultant which involves providing advice to any company or organisation on the terms of a bid or contract relating directly to the work of Ordnance Survey or any subsidiary of Ordnance Survey; and
- for two years from your last day of service, before accepting any new commission you should make a case directly to the Committee to confirm that each individual commission you wish to undertake would be permissible under the approved terms of the consultancy. (If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy you will be expected to submit a fresh application).

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a Minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not

been made publicly available. Applicants are also reminded that they may be subject to other duties of confidentiality, whether under the Official Secrets Act, the Civil Service Code or otherwise.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant “should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy [including applications for awards or grants] 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 would let me know when you take up this commission, or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish this letter and brief details of the commission on its website and in its next annual report.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Richardson
Committee Secretariat