

about him taking up this appointment. The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that this application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- 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 employer; and
- he should not draw on privileged information available to him as a Crown servant.

The Committee further noted that the lobbying ban would not apply to communications with Government on matters that are an integral part of the normal course of business for the organization concerned. This should help dispel any perception that Mr Unwin's role would be to lobby Government in a way that is incompatible with WIG's charitable objectives.

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". However, bearing in mind WIG's role, the Committee noted that the lobbying ban need not prevent communications with Government on matters that are an integral part of the normal course of business for the organisation concerned.

I should be grateful if you could let us know when Mr Unwin takes up this appointment, or when 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.

Once the appointment has been taken up or announced, we will publish this letter on the Advisory Committee's website and include the main details of the appointment, together with the Committee's advice and the date on which he took it up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mr Unwin informs us if he proposes to change his role with WIG because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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