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You asked for the Committee's advice about registering with STH Management Ltd. STH Management would handle your paid speaking engagements and selected media appearances in the UK and abroad.

The Committee noted you were approached by STH Management Ltd when they were looking for a speaker. The work would be part-time and paid. The Committee took into account that the role would not involve dealings with Government and that you had no official dealings with STH Management Ltd or any of their competitors whilst in office.

The Committee also sought the views of the Permanent Secretary for the Department for Education, who had no concerns about you registering with STH Management Ltd and confirmed you had no official dealings with them while in office.

Taking into account the specific facts in this case, in accordance with the Government's Business Appointment Rules, the Committee advises the appointment be subject to the following conditions:

- you should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of herself or the organisation to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to you from your time in ministerial office; and
- for two years from your last day in ministerial office you should not become personally involved in lobbying the Government on behalf of STH Management Ltd or its clients.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that former Ministers 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 inform us as soon as you take up this appointment, or if it is announced that you will do so, either by returning the enclosed form or by emailing the office at the address on the front of this letter. 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. This could lead to a false assumption being made about whether you had

complied with the Ministerial Code. Similarly, I should be grateful if you would inform us if you propose to extend or otherwise change your role with STH Management Ltd, as depending on the circumstances, it might be necessary for you to seek fresh advice.

Once this appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website 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

The Baroness Browning

Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP