

*From the Chair*



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You asked for the Committee's advice about taking up employment with Citigroup as a consultant, providing advice on global, political and economic events.

The Committee noted that this is a paid, part-time role (involving approximately 30 days' work per year).

When considering your application, the Committee took into account that you had no official dealings with Citigroup or its competitors during your last two years in office and that the appointment is not likely to include contact or dealings with Government. It also noted that your proposed start date for the appointment is 1 January 2017, by which time over eighteen months will have passed since you left Ministerial office.

The Committee sought the views of the Permanent Secretaries at the Cabinet Office and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, who have expressed no concerns about the appointment.

The Committee sees no reason why you should not take up the appointment, subject to the following conditions:

- You should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of yourself or the organisations to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to you as a Minister;
- For two years from your last day in ministerial office you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of Citigroup, its subsidiaries, partners or 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 employment with Citigroup, or if it is announced that you will do so, either by returning the enclosed form or by emailing the office at the above address. 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.

Once the 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 application, 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

The Rt Hon the Lord Hague of Richmond