

From the Chair



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You asked for the Committee's advice on accepting a part-time, unpaid appointment as a Member of the Steering Committee of the Centre for Financial Excellence at Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey having left your ministerial position in 2013. Your role would involve working approximately two days per year and providing guidance on the establishment of a new Centre for Financial Excellence at the Sabanci University.

When considering your application, the Committee took into account that you did not have any direct official dealings with Sabanci University during your last two years in office. Additionally the departments related to your former post as Minister of State for Trade and Investment for UKTI are content with the appointment and state there are no propriety concerns from their perspectives.

It was also noted that it has been 18 months since your last ministerial post and taking into account all the circumstances, the Committee is content to approve the appointment subject to the following conditions:

- you should not draw on any privileged information available to you from your time in Government; and
- for two years from your last day in ministerial office, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of Sabanci University and its Centre for Financial Excellence or The Sabanci Foundation.

It might be helpful if I add that lobbying is defined in the Business Appointment Rules in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former Minister 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 would inform us as soon as you take up this appointment or, if earlier, when 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, which have not been taken up or announced. This could lead to a false assumption being made about whether you have complied with the Ministerial Code.

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Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will include the main details, together with the Advisory Committee's advice on it and the date on which it was taken up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on our website and in our annual report.

Baroness Browning

The Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint

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