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Dear Julie,

Business Appointments Application - Tera Allas

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Tera Allas, the former Director General for Strategic Advice at the Department for Business Innovation and Skills (BIS) who is seeking permission to take up a part-time unpaid business appointment as a Board Observer for the Green Investment Bank (GIB) as part of the Shareholder Executive's Women On Board scheme. Mrs Allas resigned from Crown service on 31 January 2014 and wishes to begin work under this new appointment as soon as possible.

The Committee took into account that Mrs Allas has not had any official or contractual dealings with GIB and has not been responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with GIB during her last two years of service. The Committee took into account that she has not had access to commercially sensitive information regarding competitors of GIB.

The Committee also noted that she has been involved in the development of Departmental policy or policy decisions that have or could affect GIB and its competitors. As a Member of the BIS Departmental and Executive Boards, she was involved in high-level decisions relating to GIB but the Committee have noted that it was Ministers who ultimately took final decisions.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

- she should not draw on privileged information available to her as a Crown servant; and
- for two years from her last day of service, she should not become personally involved in lobbying* the UK Government on behalf of her new employer or its clients.

*Lobbying in this context 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 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 could ensure that we are informed as soon as Mrs Allas takes up the employment with GIB, or if it is announced that she 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 she complied with the rules.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mrs Allas informs us if she proposes to extend or otherwise change her role with GIB because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for her to make a fresh application.

Yours sincerely,

Baljit Rayit
Committee Secretariat