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**Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered an application from Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton, the former Chief of the Air Staff. Sir Stephen is seeking permission to set up as an Independent Consultant and accept commissions with PA Consulting and Textron. Sir Stephen's last day in post before retiring was 26 July 2013 and his last day in Crown service was 15 January 2014.

When considering the application, the Committee noted that while in post Sir Stephen did not have any official dealings with his prospective employers and had not been involved in any decisions affecting them. Therefore no propriety concerns arose.

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

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

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".

I should be grateful if you would ensure that we are informed as soon as Sir Stephen takes up these posts, or, if earlier, when it is announced that he will do so (I enclose a form for convenience). 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. Similarly, I should be grateful if you would inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his roles with PA Consulting and Textron, as depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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

Yours sincerely,

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