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Business Appointments Application: Graham Dalton

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Graham Dalton, the former Chief Executive at the Highways Agency. He is seeking permission to accept a part-time, paid role at the World Bank. Mr Dalton's last day in the Civil Service was 30 June 2015.

The Committee noted that Mr Dalton's new role will be as a specialist advisor supporting the World Bank on their current programme to advise the State Government of Kerala on highway network management and administration. Additionally, he will support a proposed programme to advise the Indian Government on administration of state highways.

When considering this application, the Committee noted that Mr Dalton did not have any contractual dealings with the World Bank and was not responsible for those who did in his last two years of service.

When reaching a decision, the Committee also took into account that Mr Dalton had dealings with various contractors and consulting engineers in the UK civil engineering industry due to his role as CEO. However, none of these could be considered competitors of his new employer, and he did not have access to any commercially sensitive information about any competitors.

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

- Mr Dalton should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of himself, or the organisation, or person to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to him from his time as in Crown service; and

- for two years from his last day in service, Mr Dalton should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of the World Bank, or any of its partners or clients.

By 'privileged information' we mean official information to which a minister or Crown servant has had access as a consequence of his or her office or employment and which has not been made publicly available. Applicants are also reminded that they may be subject to other duties of confidentiality, whether under the Official Secrets Act, the Civil Service Code or otherwise.

It might also be helpful if I add that the Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister "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 ask that Mr Dalton informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Please could you also ask Mr Dalton to inform us when he takes up his post or, if earlier, when it is announced. We are otherwise unable to deal with any enquiries, as we do not release information about appointments that have not been announced or taken up and this could lead to the false assumption that he did not comply with the rules. In line with our usual practice, we will then 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.

Yours sincerely

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