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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: MICHAEL ANDERSON

The Committee has considered an application from Michael Anderson, who is the Director General International and Immigration Policy at the Home Office. He is seeking permission to accept a full time paid appointment at Kosmos Energy. Mr Anderson has resigned from the Home Office, his last day of service will be 6 March 2015. He hopes to take up the appointment with Kosmos on 9 March 2015.

The Committee noted that the appointment will not include dealings with your Department or the Government. The Committee took into account that Mr Anderson has not had contractual or official dealings, nor has he been responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with Kosmos Energy during his last two years of service. The Committee noted that Mr Anderson only had significant dealings with one company in the past two years, however this company was not a competitor or prospective competitor of Kosmos.

The Committee noted that Mr Anderson has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer; nor has he had access to policy or any other departmental information that would give Kosmos an advantage. Furthermore, he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including the award of grants) that could affect his proposed employer.

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

- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown Service.
- for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of his new employer, its parent company or its clients.

The Business Appointment rules define lobbying in the following way:

'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 send us a copy of your letter to Mr Anderson informing him of the outcome of his application. Please also ensure that we are told when Mr Anderson takes up this post or, if earlier, when it is announced that he will do so. 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, and this could lead to a false assumption being made about whether she had complied with the Rules. In line with our usual practice, we will then publish brief details on our website (<http://acoba.independent.gov.uk>) including, with your agreement, a copy of your letter.

Finally, I should be grateful if you would ask that Mr Anderson informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with Kosmos because, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

Yours sincerely,

Isabel Fraser
Committee Secretariat