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### **BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: LT GEN TIMOTHY EVANS**

The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Lt Gen Evans, former Commander, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (COMARRC), who proposes to become a Senior NATO Mentor and member of Transparency International's Defence Corruption Monitoring Committee and to set up an independent consultancy and take on commissions with Strategia Worldwide Ltd and Adjuvo.

Lt Gen Evans was Commander, Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (COMARRC) between September 2013 and July 2016. His last day in Crown service is 31 October 2016.

The Committee noted that as COMARRC, Lt Gen Evans commanded the UK's High Readiness HQ assigned to NATO, a multi-national HQ whose mission is to be prepared to deploy worldwide for UK, coalition or NATO operations. He was responsible for developing the ARRC for its new role as a Joint Task Force HQ whilst maintaining its expertise as a Land Component Command. The Committee also noted that between April 2012 and September 2013 he commanded the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and was in charge of the Young Officer education and training for all officer cadets.

#### Senior NATO Mentor and Transparency International appointments

Lt Gen Evans has been selected as a NATO Senior Mentor. He will be expected to provide guidance and assistance to NATO High Readiness Force Commanders on courses and exercises in support of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe. This will involve approximately 45 days per annum for up to 6 years and starts in January 2017.

Lt Gen Evans has also been asked to join the Defence Corruption Monitoring Committee (DCMC), which is being established by the Transparency International Defence and Security Programme to support the Ukrainian MOD's progress towards anti-corruption aims, and to measure progress on reform. The project is one element of a wider HMG and NATO programme of support to Ukraine. Lt Gen Evans has been asked to join the committee in his capacity as a former senior UK and NATO

commander and will be expected to help develop the DCMC programme, alongside the other committee members. His involvement is both supported by UK MOD and HMG funded (through the Conflict Stability and Security Fund). Initially it will require him to attend 2-3 workshops this autumn to establish the programme and then quarterly meetings. The programme is expected to run for 3-4 years.

### Consultancy

Lt Gen Evans proposes to set up an independent consultancy, focusing on defence, security, risk management and resilience, counter-terrorism, training, leadership and mentoring.

Under his consultancy, Lt Gen Evans plans to become an associate with Strategia Worldwide Ltd, which specialises in the management of corporate risk using analysis and campaign design and delivery technology.

He may also take on work with Adjuvo, a small private equity company that invests in private companies, usually small start-up firms. He may be asked to provide specific advice or assistance under the terms of his consultancy.

### ACOPA recommendation and Secretary of State decision

When considering this application the Committee took into account that the MOD panel expressed no concerns about these appointments, subject to a 2-year lobbying ban and a 12-month restriction on providing advice on the terms of any bid or contract relating to the work of the MOD.

The Committee considered that given that given Lt Gen Evans' seniority and the fact that his consultancy would cover areas closely linked to his most recent roles in the MOD, it was appropriate for there to be a gap between him leaving the MoD and setting up an independent consultancy.

For the appointments as NATO Senior Mentor and with Transparency International's Defence Corruption Monitoring Committee, the Committee felt that a waiting period was not required beyond his last day in Crown service given that both positions rely on the fact of his recent service with NATO, are supported by MOD and raise no propriety concerns.

The Secretary of State for Defence accepted the Committee's advice that there was no reason why Lt Gen Evans should not take up these appointments, subject to the following conditions:

- A six-month waiting period from his last day in post (in respect of his consultancy only).
- That he should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of himself or the organisations to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service;
- For two years from his last day in Crown service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of any of his clients or those he advises;
- For 12 months from his last day of service he should not undertake any work as a consultant which involves providing advice to any company or organisation on the terms of a bid or contract relating directly to the work of the MOD and its Trading Funds; and

- For two years from his last day of service, before accepting any new commission he should apply to the Committee for approval to confirm that it is acceptable under the Committee's guidelines. In considering the matter on such further reference, the Committee may seek the views of relevant departments. (If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy he will be expected to submit a fresh application).

Further, the Committee notes Lt Gen Evans' request to attend the first meeting of the DCMC, which is scheduled to take place ten days before his last day of Crown service. Given the specific circumstances of this meeting, the Committee can see no reason why he should not attend the first meeting, ahead of his formal start.

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 or otherwise.

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 ensure that we are informed as soon as Lt Gen Evans takes up these appointments, or if it is announced that he 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 he had complied with the rules.

I should also be grateful if you would ask that Lt Gen Evans informs us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change the nature of his roles 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 this letter on the Committee's website and include the main details of the applications, 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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