

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 17 October 2018

Present

Baroness Browning (Chair)
Sir Alex Allan
Jonathan Baume
Lord German
Terence Jagger
Dr Susan Liautaud
Baroness Liddell
Richard Thomas
John Wood

Secretariat

Peter Lawrence
Cat Marshall
Maggie O'Boyle
Sarah Parkington
Nicola Richardson

Guest speaker

1. The Committee welcomed Helen MacNamara, Director General Propriety and Ethics and Head of Private Office Group, Cabinet Office, to discuss the Government's Business Appointment Rules and ACOBA's role in the system.

Chair's update

2. The Chair updated members on her programme of meeting with departments to discuss the Business Appointment Rules. ACOBA and Cabinet Office will arrange a meeting with the non-executive directors on departmental Audit and Risk Committees to discuss BARs governance, in the New Year.

Minutes of the last meeting

3. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday 16 May 2018, were approved.

Away day readout

4. The Committee reviewed the topics/ issues raised at its away day: the Business Appointment Rules in general; ACOBA's approach to retrospective applications; and ACOBA's remit.

Data handling update

5. The Secretariat provided an update to the Committee on the Cabinet Office guidance on data handling.

Communications

6. The Press Officer, Maggie O'Boyle, updated the Committee on recent press coverage.

Any Other Business

7. It was confirmed the next Committee meeting would take place on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

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