

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 5 December 2018

Present

Baroness Browning (Chair)
Sir Alex Allan
Jonathan Baume
Lord German
Baroness Liddell
Richard Thomas
John Wood

Apologies

Terence Jagger
Dr Susan Liautaud

Secretariat

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

Chair's update

1. The Chair noted this would be Sarah's and Nicola's last Committee meeting as both were moving on. The Chair thanked both for their work and wished them well in their new roles.
2. The Chair updated members on her programme of meeting with departments to discuss the Business Appointment Rules. The next scheduled meeting is with the Permanent Secretary of the MOD, Stephen Lovegrove, in January 2019.
3. Though a date has not yet been confirmed, the Chair noted that work is ongoing to confirm a date for a meeting with non-executive directors on departmental Audit and Risk Committees - to discuss governance of the Business Appointments Rules.

Minutes of the last meeting

4. The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 17 October 2018, were approved.

Discussion of previous changes to the Government's Business Appointment Rules

5. The Committee considered the history the Government's Business Appointment Rules, including the incremental changes that have been made, since 2010. It was agreed the Committee would continue to implement changes to its processes as a result of the insight gained from its casework and make recommendations to the Cabinet Office where appropriate.

Data

6. The Committee noted the update provided by the Secretariat on applications dealt with year to date.

Communications

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

Any Other Business

8. Confirmed the next Committee meeting would take place on Wednesday 6 March and remaining dates for 2019 would be confirmed in due course.

**Committee Secretariat
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