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### **BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: MR CIARAN MARTIN, CB**

1. The Committee has been asked to consider an application from Mr Ciaran Martin, Chief Executive at National Cyber Security Centre, part of GCHQ, on taking up an appointment with the London Speakers Bureau (LSB).
2. Mr Martin's last day in post and service will be 31 August 2020.

#### Application Details

3. He applied to take up a paid, part-time role with London Speakers Bureau (LSB), a speaking bureau representing high profile clients. He said that LSB wishes to represent him and seek to secure speaking opportunities at a variety of events on his behalf. He expects to speak once per month.
4. Mr Martin confirmed he does not expect to have contact with Government in this role; had no official contact with the company whilst in office and holds no sensitive information related to LSB or their competitors.
5. GCHQ confirmed the above and stated he should make clear that he is not representing the UK Government or as Cyber security Lead when speaking. With this, GCHQ has no concerns with Mr Martin taking up this role.

#### The Committee's consideration

6. When considering this application, the Committee<sup>1</sup> took into account that Mr Martin had no official dealings with LSB whilst in Crown service and that he does not expect to have contact with the government.

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<sup>1</sup> This application for advice was considered by Sir Alex Allan; Jonathan Baume; Dr Susan Liautaud; The Rt Hon Lord Pickles; Richard Thomas; Mike Weir; Lord Larry Whitty and John Wood.

7. The Committee did not consider this appointment raises any propriety concerns under the Government's Business Appointment Rules, however it would like to draw Mr Martin's attention to the conditions below. In particular, the restriction that he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in post. (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.) In line with GCHQ, the Committee would also like to bring to Mr Martin's attention he should be clear that when speaking, he is not representing the UK Government, or as Cyber security Lead.
8. The Prime Minister, under the Government's Business Appointment Rules, has accepted the Committee's advice that this application with **London Speakers Bureau** be subject to the following conditions:
  - that he should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of the organisation to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
  - for two years from Mr Martin CB's last day in Crown service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of London Speakers Bureau (including parent companies, subsidiaries and partners), nor should he make use, directly or indirectly, of London Speakers Bureau government/Whitehall contacts to influence policy, secure funding/business or otherwise unfairly advantage London Speakers Bureau (including parent companies, subsidiaries and partners).
9. 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.
10. The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant/Minister "should not engage in communication with Government (Ministers, civil servants, including special advisers, and other relevant officials/public office holders) – wherever it takes place - with a view to influencing a Government decision, policy or contract award/grant in relation to their own interests or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted or with which they hold office."
11. Once the appointment has been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website and in the relevant annual report.

Yours sincerely

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