

Terms of reference: John Van Reenen

1. Role

John Van Reenen is appointed as Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Growth.

2. Duration

The appointment will begin on September 1st 2025, and will conclude on September 1st 2026, with the possibility of extension.

3. Role specification

The postholder will be responsible for providing expert advice personally to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as well as working closely with civil servants and Special Advisers to input and shape advice to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on economic growth, in relation to the delivery of the Growth Mission.

The postholder may also lead and join with officials in engagement with external experts and other stakeholders on these issues.

4. Resources

The postholder is unpaid and will work in the department for one day a week. They will work closely with civil servants across the relevant parts of the department.

5. Governance and ways of working

The postholder will work closely with officials on a confidential basis, having access to relevant official and Ministerial papers.

The postholder will update the Chancellor of the Exchequer as required.

6. Conflicts of interest

A full declaration of interest process has been conducted in the usual way for direct ministerial appointments and mitigations have been agreed to minimise any potential, actual or perceived conflicts. The postholder will comply with the measures and mitigations set out by HM Treasury's Permanent Secretary, with support from the Propriety and Ethics Team if required.