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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: DAME CHRISTINE BEASLEY

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered the application from Dame Christine Beasley, the former Chief Nursing Officer in the Department of Health, to accept a part-time appointment as Chair of the Local Education and Training Board, North and East London, following her retirement from the civil service on 30 June 2012.

The Committee noted that Dame Christine had had no official dealings with her prospective employer, which is a new body set up following the announcement in January 2012 of a new policy framework for education and training of the health workforce, and had applied for an advertised post.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that the application be approved subject to the condition that, for two years from her last day of service, she should not become personally involved in lobbying Government on behalf of her new employer. The Business Appointment Rules define lobbying in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former civil servant should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted".

I would be grateful if you could let us know when Dame Christine takes up this appointment, or when it is announced that she 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 she had complied with the rules.

Once the appointment has been taken up or announced, we will publish this letter on the Advisory Committee's website and include the main details of the appointment, together with the Committee's advice and the date on which she took it up, in both the regularly updated consolidated list on the website and in the next annual report.

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