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Dear Ms Walters,

**BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION: MR PATRICK CRAWFORD**

The Advisory Committee on Business Appointments has considered an application from Mr Crawford, the former Chief Executive of the Exports Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD) who is seeking permission to accept a part-time, unpaid appointment as a member of the Director and Trustee Board of the Caxton Trustee. As you know, Mr Crawford's last day in Crown Service was on 15 November 2012. He hopes to take up the appointment on 1 June 2014.

When considering the application, the Committee noted that Mr Crawford did not have any contractual dealings and was not responsible for people who had contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service. Furthermore, he did not have access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors nor was he involved in the development or administration of any departmental policy or decisions that could have affected his prospective employer or its competitors. The Committee acknowledged that in his role as Chief Executive he met a wide range of companies and other organisations in the natural course of his duties. Furthermore the Committee took into account that his proposed role is unpaid.

The Prime Minister accepted the Committee's advice that the application be approved subject to the condition that for two years from his last day of service, Mr Crawford should

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not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of his new employers or its clients. 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 should be grateful if you could ensure that we are informed as soon as Mr Crawford takes up the appointment, or if it is announced that he 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 he had complied with the rules.

Similarly, I should be grateful if you would inform us if he proposes to extend or otherwise change his role with the Caxton Trust as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for him to make a fresh application.

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

Yours sincerely,



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