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BUSINESS APPOINTMENT APPLICATION: SIR JONATHAN EVANS KCB

The Committee has considered the applications from your Director General, Sir Jonathan Evans, who is seeking permission to accept the following part-time appointments:

- a paid post as a Senior Associate with Accenture's Global Defence and Public Safety Industry Practice (Accenture); and
- a unpaid post as a Honorary Professor with St Andrews University (SAU).

As you know, Sir Jonathan's last day in Crown service is 21 April 2013. He hopes to take up the appointment with Accenture on 1 August 2013 and the appointment with SAU on 1 September 2013.

Accenture

The Committee noted that the appointment will not include contact or dealings with your Department or Government. The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan has not had contractual dealings and he has not been responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service. The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has had official dealings with Accenture - they did some advisory work for the Security Service about six or seven years ago and he attended some associated presentations that they delivered. Sir Jonathan was not involved in letting the contract for that work. In addition, Accenture occasionally carried out some relatively small scale IT related consultancy but Sir Jonathan did not have direct contact with Accenture in that area. The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan does not recall having any dealings with Accenture staff in a work capacity for about six or seven years.

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Members:

Mark Addison, Sir Colin Budd KCMG, Rt Hon Lord Dholakia OBE,
Mary Jo Jacobi, Rt Hon Lord Lang of Monkton (Chairman), Rt Hon Lord Macdonald of Tradeston CBE
Sir Hugh Stevenson, General the Lord Walker of Aldringham GCB CMG CBE

The Committee took into account that the only potential competitor with which Sir Jonathan has been involved is Deloitte. He had two or three conversations with their staff on the Security Service's IT requirements and one conversation with their Chief Executive Officer on a staff matter. No commercially sensitive information was involved and there is no cross over with the sort of work that he will be doing for Accenture.

The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any other competitors of his prospective employer. Furthermore, he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including the award of grants) that could affect his proposed employer.

SAU

The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan's appointment might include dealings with his former Department/Government because occasionally there might be public officials at events where he might be asked to talk/participate. The Committee noted that Sir Jonathan has had official dealings with SAU - he has spoken at the Centre on two occasions over the last eight years or so and one or two of the Security Service's staff have spent their sabbatical and equivalent periods there in recent years. The Committee took into account that Sir Jonathan has not had any contractual dealings and he was not responsible for people who have had contractual dealings with his prospective employer during his last two years of service. He has not had access to commercially sensitive information about any competitors of his prospective employer and he has not been involved in the development or administration of any policy or decisions (including the award of grants) that could affect his proposed employer.

The Prime Minister has accepted the Committee's recommendation that Sir Jonathan's applications be approved subject to the following conditions:

- the usual waiting period of three months from his last day of service (which is the usual waiting period observed by Permanent Secretaries and their equivalents);
- he should not draw on privileged information available to him from his time in Crown service; and
- for two years from his last day of service, he should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of his new employers or their 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 Sir Jonathan takes up the appointments with Accenture and SAU, 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.

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

Once the appointments have been publicly announced or taken up, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website (with the redaction of your details) and include the main details of the applications, 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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Committee Secretariat

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