

From the Chairman



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You asked for the Committee's advice on the following appointments:

- a part-time, paid appointment as a trainer with Cumberlege Connections; and
- a part-time, unpaid role as Member of the Advisory Board of Community Service Volunteers (CSV).

Cumberlege Connections

The Committee took into account that you were involved with this organisation on a similar basis before you became a Minister. The Committee noted that you did not have official dealings with the company or any competitors during your last two years in office.

CSV, Charity

The Committee took into account that this role is unpaid and that you held a similar position with CSV previously, having been connected with the charity since 2001.

The Committee noted that you have had official dealings with your employer previously. They were regular contributors to consultation exercises within the DFE and the beneficiary of various grants from the DFE voluntary organisation grant programme and from other Government Departments. You have not had dealings with any competitors (albeit, as an umbrella charity, there are no competitors in the usual sense).

Taking into account all the circumstances, and noting that it is now six months since you left office, both appointments are approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1) you should not draw on any privileged information from your time in Government; and

- 2) for two years from the date of your leaving office, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of your new employers or their clients.

It might be helpful if I add that lobbying is defined in the Business Appointment Rules in the following way: "Lobbying in this context means that the former Minister 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 would inform us if you propose to extend or otherwise change your roles with Cumberlege Connections or CSV as, depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for you to seek fresh advice.

Finally, we will publish this letter on the Committee's website forthwith 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.

Lord Lang of Monkton

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