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From the Chairman



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You asked for the Committee's advice about three part-time paid positions you currently hold, at Philip T English International Financial Service Ltd, Allpay Ltd and Apex Fund Services Ltd.

When considering your applications, the Committee took into account that you did not have any official dealings in your Ministerial capacity with your employers or any competitors during your time in office. The Committee also noted that it is unlikely that you will be required to lobby Government in these roles. The Permanent Secretary of the Cabinet Office has confirmed that having received advice from the department's Propriety and Ethics Team he sees no problem with any of these appointments.

Taking into account all the circumstances, the Committee is content to approve the appointments subject to the following conditions:

- that you should not draw on any privileged information that was available to you as a Minister;
- for two years from your last day in ministerial 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

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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 role with any of these three companies, as depending on the circumstances, it may be necessary for you to seek fresh advice.

Since all three appointments have already been taken taken up, we will now publish this letter on the Committee’s website 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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