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Mrs T Allas

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Dear Mrs Allas

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY - NEW COMMISSIONS

The Committee has considered your request to accept paid commissions with the OECD.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

The Committee considered the fact that this will be a project to produce OECD's Innovation Strategy and is to be completed in the last 2 weeks of January 2015. Your time commitment will be around 5-7 days and your role will be to read, review, comment and contribute to the Innovation Strategy document.

The Committee therefore agrees that these commissions are permissible within the terms of your independent consultancy.

The conditions that apply to your independent consultancy are:

- you should not draw on privileged information available to you as a Crown servant;
- for two years from your last day in Crown service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government Ministers or Crown servants, including Special Advisers, on behalf of any of your employers/clients; and
- once you have received approval to set up as an independent consultant, for two years from your last day of service you must seek confirmation from the Committee directly that each individual commission is permissible under the terms of your consultancy before taking it up. If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy you will be expected to submit a fresh application.

I would be grateful if you would let me know when you take up these commissions, or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish brief details on the regularly updated consolidated list on its website and in its next annual report. This letter may also be published (with relevant redaction of personal information).

Yours sincerely

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