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from: Sir Jon CUNLIFFE, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the
European Union

received on: 24 July 2013

to: Mr Jim CLOOS, Deputy Director-General, Council of the European Union

Subject: Partial renewal of members of the Court of Auditors - UK nominee

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 4 July 2013 from Sir Jon CUNLIFFE, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the European Union.



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Dear Jim,

I am writing in response to your letter of 5 May, requesting notification of the UK candidate to replace David Bostock when his term as UK member on the European Court of Auditors expires.

Following a cross-Government exercise, the UK would like to nominate Phil Wynn Owen. Phil is currently Director General of International Climate Change and Energy Efficiency at the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC).

Phil has had a long career dealing with financial matters. He spent almost 20 years at HM Treasury, where he dealt with a wide range of value for money and public finance issues, having worked on public expenditure, tax and regulatory matters. He has worked in the Treasury, Cabinet Office, Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and DECC. Phil has an MBA from the London Business School and has attended the Harvard Advanced Management Programme. He is a Non-Executive Director and Deputy Chair of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells National Health Service (NHS) Trust, where he chairs the Finance Committee. His most recent experience included a spell as DECC's Accounting Officer, during which he was accountable to and appeared before the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on financial management, reporting, and accounting issues concerning DECC's use of public funds. Phil has served on the Audit Committees of HM Treasury and the hospital trust. Phil is also very experienced over many years in working in the EU, including most

recently during his time with DECC. He will be gaining further relevant experience at the UK National Audit Office (NAO) this autumn.

I am confident that Phil would be an excellent addition to the ECA.

I have attached two annexes as requested: Annex I (Phil's CV) and Annex II (his contact details).

Yours,



JON CUNLIFFE

PHIL WYNN OWEN

Qualifications/Awards:

- Harvard Business School Advanced Management Programme (AMP) 2008
- Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) 2008
- London Business School MBA with distinction 1988-90
- University College, Oxford Modern History, BA Hons, MA 1978-81

**DECC Director General, International Climate Change and Energy Efficiency April 2011–now
 Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)**

Leading UK action on global climate change, including responsibility for multilateral UNFCCC negotiations towards a binding legal treaty, and bilateral and EU action with other major emitters; also working collaborating with DFID, FCO, DEFRA and HMT – e.g. on board of UK’s £2.9 billion Climate Finance Initiative. Active across EU and worldwide – e.g. at Durban and Doha UNFCCC Conferences of the Parties.

Driving greater energy efficiency in the UK, with a new Energy Efficiency Deployment Office, the Green Deal, Smart Meters, Renewable Heat and Industry, and tackling Fuel Poverty.

Member of Construction Leadership Council and Birmingham’s Green Commission. Cambridge University Centre for Science and Policy Founding Fellow

DECC Departmental Board member. Staff c.400; budgets managed c.£376m; pay £140,000

DECC Permanent Secretary (Acting) November 2012-February 2013

Leading c.1600 staff across four sites in London and Aberdeen;
 Accounting Officer for £6.5bn = public expenditure of £3.75bn and consumer levies of £2.6bn.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Deputy Chair, Non-Executive Director March 2008–now

Active in creating new Board, governance and culture to turn Trust of over 5000 staff around after previous C-Difficile scandal, and to oversee build and opening of new privately financed (PFI) Hospital.

Chair of Finance, Treasury and Investment Committee and Chair of Charitable Funds; drove recovery from £29m loss on £300m turnover in 2008/09 to achieve breakeven in all successive years. Member of Audit Committee.

DECC Director General, National Climate Change and Consumer Support July 2009–March 2011

Driving National Carbon Budgets management cross-Government; effective liaison with the independent Committee on Climate Change, securing Government and Parliamentary assent to ambitious 4th Carbon Budget period plans; securing responsible flagship Green Deal measures in Coalition’s 1st Energy Act and Central Government - 10%. DECC Champion for Diversity, Devolved Administrations and project management.

**DWP Director General, Strategy, Information and Pensions November 2004–June 2009
 Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**

Led c.1000 staff; direct budget of £218m, policy oversight for £73bn pensions spend;
 Pensions Reform: led team supporting DWP Ministers and Prime Minister to secure adoption by government of independent Pensions Commission proposals; their translation into radical

reforms via passage of Pensions Acts 2007 and 2008; and creation and stewardship of necessary delivery bodies.

Member of DWP Executive Team of 10 overseeing management and efficiency programme for Department; chaired DWP Strategy and Business Strategy Groups. LGBT Diversity Champion. Cross-Government SRO for Older People.

DWP Chair of DWP Shared Services Business 2008-09

Oversight of c.4000 staff business, extending its services beyond DWP; delivered new service to Cabinet Office.

HM Director, Financial Sector 2003-04
Treasury

80 staff, dealing with financial services regulation in the UK and EU. Led team negotiating European Financial Services Action Plan (FSAP); member of EU Banking, Securities and Insurance Committees. Member of HM Treasury Audit Committee.

Cabinet Director, Regulatory Impact Unit 1999-2003
Office

70 staff, leading drive for better impact assessments in the UK and EU. Established cross-Member State "Mandelkern Group", which successfully pressed for better regulation in EU.

HM Team Leader, Tax Policy 1997-99
Treasury

Responsible for major, tax reforms, including green taxes, such as Climate Change Levy.

Team Leader, Tax and Budget 1996-97

Team Leader, Transport 1993-96

Responsible for driving transport policy and negotiating financing for major projects, including key privatisations and PFI projects.

European Investment Bank (EIB), Alternate Director 1994-96

Regularly led UK delegation at EIB Board in Luxembourg; secured EIB support for key UK infrastructure projects.

Private Secretary to Permanent Secretary (Terry Burns) 1991-93

Funding and Monetary Policy, Principal 1990-91

Industry and Competition Policy, Principal 1986-88

Assistant Private Secretary to Chancellor (Nigel Lawson) 1984-86

Responsible for all Chancellor's EU and international agenda work and travel.

Graduate trainee posts 1981-83

- Monetary policy;
- Nationalised industries, privatisation of British Telecom;
- Foreign and overseas aid and trade expenditure control.