



Cabinet Office

Sir Jeremy Heywood KCB, CVO
Secretary of the Cabinet & Head of the Civil Service

70 Whitehall
London
SW1A 2AS

Email cabinet.secretary@cabinetoffice.gov.uk
Follow me on twitter: [@HeadUKCivServ](https://twitter.com/HeadUKCivServ)

Telephone +44 (0)20 7276 0101
Web www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk

Crispin Blunt MP
House of Commons
SW1A 0AA

29 June 2015

Dear Mr. Blunt,

Thank you for your letter of 10 June.

The *Ministerial Code* states that where Ministers have to take decisions within their departments which might have an impact on their own constituencies, they must take particular care to avoid any possible conflict of interest. This is a requirement which has been in successive editions of the *Ministerial Code*, and is there to ensure that the decision maker is not conflicted.

These matters are considered on a case-by-case basis, reflecting specific Ministerial responsibilities and the nature of any constituency interest. These Code provisions will of course apply to the Government's response to the Airports Commission's Final Report. There are established procedures available within departments to handle such arrangements, should they occur.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Heywood

