

PRIME MINISTER

Can I ask you to reconsider your decision about Mr. Hayhoe's links with Birkbeck College?

The issue is not simply one of decisions affecting his Government role, but issues affecting his part in the collective responsibility of the Government. This is an exceptionally sensitive time in relations between educational institutions and the Government. I understand that the DES would very much prefer him to stand down from the Governing Body.

Whilst it is theoretically possible for him to distance himself from matters affecting the Government, it would be much cleaner to ask him to step down now, and not run the risk of his being faced with a much more difficult choice later.

MAP

What are the
"his issues" of Hayhoe
Birkbeck. Is it
"over his students" or?

27 November 1979

PRIME MINISTER

The Government's relationship with the universities is essentially that of paymaster. At a time of pruning in spending plans, this is a sensitive relationship, and therefore one from which no member of a college's governing body could easily dissociate himself. This is the essence of the case for suggesting that Mr. Hayhoe would be well advised to step down now. But there are no binding rules: it is entirely within your judgement.

MAP

Perhaps he had better step
down now. Otherwise the argument
will run on and there are more
important matters to consider

28 November 1979



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

3 December 1979

I apologise for the delay in replying to your letter of 12 November.

As I have previously told you on the telephone, the Prime Minister has no objection to Mr. Hayhoe increasing his premium limits at Lloyds.

The Prime Minister has considered whether it is appropriate for Mr. Hayhoe to remain on the Governing Body of Birkbeck College. In view of the current sensitivities between the Government and universities, the Prime Minister has concluded with regret that it would be better for Mr. Hayhoe to stand down at this stage, and not run the risk of placing himself in an embarrassing situation later.

M. A. PATTISON

Major L.R.J. Tilson, Royal Signals,
Ministry of Defence.

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PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Barney Hayhoe seeks your permission to increase his premium limits at Lloyds, and asks advice as to whether it is appropriate for him to remain on the Governing Body of Birkbeck College.

I am advised that there is no problem over his premium limits, and I have therefore told his office that he may go ahead - there was some time pressure for his decision.

There are ^{recent} no/parallels for his request to remain on the Birkbeck Governing Body. In the past the Cabinet Office have always advised that membership of such bodies could give rise to a conflict of interest on the part of the Minister: such governing bodies are quite likely to be involved in representations to the Government. At present, there are a number of live issues in relations between the Government and the university. Cabinet Office advice is therefore that Mr. Hayhoe should resign from the Governing Body. Agree that he should be asked to do so?

MAP

I think he can
remain on Birkbeck.
Obviously he can take no
part in any decision
which affects his job.
not. not.

26 November 1979



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MR. PATTISON

I am sorry not to have replied earlier to your minute of 13th November requesting advice on the request that Mr. Hayhoe increase his premium limits for Lloyds and remain on the Governing Body of Birkbeck College.

I have already told you that Mr. Hayhoe's wish to increase his premium limits raises no problems - his position as a "name" raised no problems of conflict of interest.

As regards Birkbeck College, our advice is that Mr. Hayhoe resigns from the Governing Body. Such governing bodies are quite likely to be involved in representations to Government and there are plenty of live issues in relations between Government and the universities on which a college like Birkbeck may well wish to make its views known to Government. Although we have not had a recent case, we have always previously advised that membership of such bodies could well give rise to a conflict of interest on the part of the Minister.

M.V.

(M.J. Vile)

26th November, 1979



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of Education
New Delhi

Reference is made to your letter of 15th October 1979 regarding the request for the appointment of a member to the Board of Studies for the Government of India.

The Board of Studies for the Government of India is a body of experts in the field of education, which is entrusted with the task of advising the Government on matters relating to the improvement of the educational system.

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

MR VILE

I would be grateful for your advice on the attached request from Mr. Hayhoe to increase his premium limits at Lloyds and to remain on the Governing Body of Birkbeck College.

DAP

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly 'R' or 'Re', in the bottom right corner.

13 November 1979

From: Major L R J TILSON Royal Signals



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Private Secretary to
The Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London

12 November 1979

Dear Private Secretary,

MINISTERS PRIVATE INTERESTS

I wrote to you in June requesting permission from The Prime Minister for Mr Barney Hayhoe to remain a Name at Lloyds whilst holding Ministerial Office, which was granted.

Mr Hayhoe now wishes to increase his premium limits by 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ %, in order to keep pace with inflation, and I would be grateful to know that such a proposal is in order.

May I also request advice as to whether it is appropriate for Mr Hayhoe to remain on the Governing Body of Birkbeck College.

*Yours sincerely,
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