

20 JUIN 2013

## DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INTERESTS

PURSUANT TO ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING  
TRANSPARENCY AND MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INTERESTS Unité  
Administration des DéputésTO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE END OF THE FIRST PART-SESSION AFTER ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OR WITHIN 30  
DAYS OF TAKING UP OFFICE WITH THE PARLIAMENT IN THE COURSE OF A PARLIAMENTARY TERM AND WITHIN 30 DAYS OF EACH CHANGE  
OCCURRING.

Surname: BENNION

Forename: PHILLIP

I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure including the Code of Conduct for Members annexed thereto,

hereby declare:

(A) *"Pursuant to Article 4(2)(a) of the Code of Conduct I declare my occupation(s) during the three-year period before I took up office with the Parliament, and membership during that period of any boards or committees of companies, non-governmental organisations, associations or other bodies established in law:"*

Occupation or Membership	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

<sup>1</sup> Any regular income Members receive in respect of each item declared shall be placed in one of the following categories:

1. EUR 500 to EUR 1000 a month;
2. EUR 1001 to EUR 5000 a month;
3. EUR 5001 to EUR 10 000 a month;
4. more than EUR 10 000 a month.

Any other income Members receive in respect of each item declared shall be calculated on an annual basis, divided by twelve and placed in one of the above categories.

If the amount of the regular or other income is below the threshold of category 1, i.e. below 500 EUR per month, or if the declared occupation, membership, activity, holding or partnership is not remunerated, a category does not need to be indicated.

(B) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(b) of the Code of Conduct and Article 2 of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members I declare my salary which I receive for the exercise of a mandate in another parliament:"<sup>2</sup>

Mandate	Amount of the salary
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

(C) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct I declare my regular remunerated activity which I undertake alongside the exercise of my office, whether as an employee or as a self-employed person:"

Activity	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1. Farm Business Trading as "R.P. Bennion"		<b>X *</b>		
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

\* Sole Trader - No fixed income - salary depends on profit

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Article 2 of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (OJ C159, 13 July 2009, C.1.) the exact amount of the salary needs to be indicated.

(D) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(d) of the Code of Conduct I declare my Membership of any boards or committees of any companies, non-governmental organisations, associations or other bodies established in law, or any other relevant outside activity that I undertake, whether remunerated or unremunerated:"

Membership or Activity	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1. Member of Executive committee - Liberal Democrat European Group (Unremunerated)				
2. Member -ELDR Council (Unremunerated)				
3.Liberal International - British Group Representative (Unremunerated)				
4.Chair MIN-NO* Project Steering Group (Unremunerated)				

\* "MIN-NO" = Minimising Nitrous Oxide Intensities of Arable Crops - A 5 Year research project funded jointly by Industry and UK Government.

(E) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(e) of the Code of Conduct I declare my occasional remunerated outside activity (including writing, lecturing or the provision of expert advice), if the total remuneration exceeds EUR 5 000 in a calendar year:"

Occasional activity if total remuneration exceeds EUR 5000 in a calendar year	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

(F) "Pursuant to Article 4(2)(f) of the Code of Conduct I declare my holding in any company or partnership, where there are potential public policy implications or where that holding gives me significant influence over the affairs of the body in question:"

Holding or Partnership with potential public policy implications	Holding which gives significant influence	Categories of income <sup>1</sup>			
		1	2	3	4
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

(G) I declare any support whether financial or in terms of staff or material, additional to that provided by Parliament and granted to me in connection with my political activities by third parties, whose identity shall be disclosed:

1. financial:

(\*) granted by

2. in terms of staff:

(\*) granted by

3. in terms of material:

(\*) granted by

(\*) Identity of the third party or parties concerned.

(H) I declare any other financial interests which might influence the performance of my duties:

Financial interest:

1. Owner of Haunton Manor Farm, Trading as "R.P. Bennion" and recipient of Single Farm Payment in respect of this Agricultural Holding extending to 106 Hectares.
2. Participant in Higher Level Environmental Stewardship funded by the Rural Development Programme under Pillar 2 of the Common Agricultural Policy.
3. Have granted an option to Prowind GMBH (since Transferred to Prowind UK Ltd) an option to develop wind turbines on land at Haunton Manor Farm, contingent on the company gaining the relevant planning consents. A lump sum of £6000 was paid to me for the option.

(I) Any additional information I wish to give<sup>3</sup>:

Previously held positions:

- 1) I have been active in the UK National Farmers' Union (NFU) for 25 years, resigning my committee positions (but not my membership) before taking up my seat.
- 2) I was a member of the HGCA Research & Development Committee for 12 years (Part of the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board) and maintain my interest in Agricultural Research.

Participation in events/travel:

**31.03.12 - 03.04.12** Participation in delegation to Tunisia. Organised and paid for in full by the *Council for European Palestinian Relations* (CEPR).

Invited to participate due to interest in Arab spring and effect of transition in Tunisia on the region, as a substitute member of the EP Delegation for Relations with the Palestinian Legislative Council.

Costs covered by CEPR: Flights £650.00, Hotel: £200.00, Food: £190.00, **Total: £1040**

**11.08.12 - 19.08.12** Participation in delegation to China. Organised and paid for in full by HUAWEI technology firm.

Invited to participate due to relevance of Chinese direct foreign investment in the West Midlands region.

Costs covered by HUAWEI:

Date: 19/06/2013

Signature:

**STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE MADE UNDER THE SOLE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER AND MUST BE UPDATED EVERY TIME A CHANGE IN THE MEMBER'S SITUATION OCCURS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.**

This statement will be published on Parliament's homepage.

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<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to Article 78(3) of the Implementing Measures for the Statute for Members of the European Parliament (referred to in footnote 2), until the end of the legislative term 2009-2014, Members must indicate in their declaration of financial interests any contracts concluded directly or indirectly with the members of their families before 1 July 2008 that have continued in force in the 2009-2014 term.

**THEN PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED ORIGINAL TO:**

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<sup>4</sup> Legal Notice: The Members' Administration Unit is the Data controller within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 (OJ L8, 12 January 2001, p. 1) and the Bureau Decision of 22 June 2005 implementing these rules (OJ C308, 6 December 2005, p. 1)