

Specialist Adviser to the Treasury Committee: Operational resilience in the financial services sector

Overview

The Treasury Committee is seeking expressions of interest in the post of Specialist Adviser for its new inquiry into operational resilience in the financial services sector.

The Treasury Committee has scrutinised recent operational incidents at banks and other financial services firms which have led to significant inconvenience for customers and, in some cases, left account holders vulnerable to fraud. The Committee would like to appoint an Adviser to provide analysis on operational resilience within the financial services sector as part of an inquiry into the topic, the terms of reference for which have been published alongside this document.

About the role

Specialist Advisers provide policy advice on a consultancy basis to the Committee and its permanent secretariat. Contributions take the form of oral contributions at private meetings of the committee and written contributions to briefing material and draft reports. Examples of the type of work a Specialist Adviser may be asked to do include:

- Commenting on draft reports and briefing material produced by the Committee secretariat
- Writing briefing notes for the Committee
- Drafting a section of a Committee report
- Providing an oral briefing to the Committee

Advisers are paid for the days they work for the committee plus expenses. Rates are dependent upon experience and knowledge. Only in exceptional circumstances would an adviser be asked to do more than two days' work in a particular week.

Role requirements

Candidates will need to demonstrate the following:

- A broad understanding, gained through practice or academia (or both), of operational resilience and risks thereto—preferably in financial services or another comparable sector
- Experience of advising and influencing at a senior level
- Credibility and authority within the sector
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, and the ability to work to tight deadlines
- The ability to advise Members of Parliament in a politically neutral way

Specialist Advisers may be required to attend meetings of the Committee at Westminster (and occasionally elsewhere) where the subject on which they are advising is being considered.

It is expected that the majority of the successful candidate's work will be undertaken in late 2018 and early 2019, subject to other more urgent parliamentary business.

How to apply

Individuals who wish to be considered for appointment should send a brief CV—ideally no more than three pages—a covering letter of no more than 500 words, and a declaration of relevant interests to treascom@parliament.uk by 10 December 2018.

The covering letter, which should be addressed to the Chair of the Committee, should set out the candidate's relevant expertise, give an indication of the amount of time he or she could realistically devote to Committee work, and confirm the ability to take on work at short notice if required.

The declaration of interests should include anything that a reasonable person might consider could influence the advice which might be given to the Committee: for example, active membership of a campaign group or relevant financial arrangements. Declared interests from successful applicants will be published.

Further information about the role

To discuss the role, contact Clerk of the Committee:

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