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Introduction

1. Tanya Castell was appointed as an external member of the Prudential Regulation Committee (PRC) by the Chancellor on 21 December 2020 and is due to start the role on 1 September 2021.¹ John Taylor and Antony Jenkins were appointed at the same time and their suitability was considered by the Treasury Committee on 13 January 2021.²
2. We took evidence from Ms Castell on 9 June 2021. She provided a full CV and answered our questionnaire prior to giving oral evidence. We thank her for her evidence.
3. In this Report, we have considered the suitability of Ms Castell against two criteria—the appropriate personal independence and professional competence to undertake the role of an external member of the PRC.

1 [HM Treasury, 'John Taylor, Antony Jenkins and Tanya Castell appointed to the Prudential Regulation Committee', 16 December 2020](#)

2 Treasury Committee, [The appointment of Antony Jenkins to the Prudential Regulation Committee](#), Tenth Report of Session 2019–21, 13 January 2021 and Treasury Committee, [The appointment of John Taylor to the Prudential Regulation Committee](#), Ninth Report of Session 2019–21, 13 January 2021

1 The appointment of Tanya Castell

Background on Tanya Castell

4. Tanya Castell has been appointed for a three-year term starting on 1 September 2021.

5. Ms Castell is currently a member of the Financial Conduct Authority Regulatory Decisions Committee, a non-executive director at Border to Coast Pension Partnership, and a non-executive director at Handelsbanken PLC until August 2021. She has held a variety of non-executive and trustee roles in financial services since 2010, and prior to that she held a number of executive roles in financial services.

Our evidence

6. In oral evidence, we questioned Ms Castell about her personal suitability for the post and the outlook for the safety and soundness of the firms regulated by the PRC. Topics covered during the session included:

- how her experience has prepared her for her PRC role, and where she expects to make the greatest contributions;
- the performance of the PRC and the PRA through the coronavirus pandemic, and the impact of lowering the countercyclical capital buffer;
- how the PRA should approach the recovery from the pandemic, including the restoration of dividends and the impact of corporate debt;
- her assessment of operational resilience and cyber security at UK financial services firms, including the impact of remote working during and after the pandemic;
- the importance of diversity, inclusion and culture for financial services firms;
- the impact to date of the Senior Managers & Certification Regime;
- how she would respond to Treasury pressure to change a PRA policy proposal;
- the PRA's priorities for changes to regulation following Brexit;
- the PRA's approach to climate change and the transition to a net zero economy; and
- the PRA's role in digital identification.

Conclusions

7. **We are satisfied that Tanya Castell has the appropriate professional competence and personal independence to undertake the role of external member of the Prudential Regulation Committee. We wish her every success.**

Formal minutes

Wednesday 9 June 2021

Members present:

Mel Stride, in the Chair

Rushanara Ali	Dame Angela Eagle
Mr Steve Baker	Julie Marson
Anthony Browne	Alison Thewliss

Draft Report (*The appointment of Tanya Castell to the Prudential Regulation Committee*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 7 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Second Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

Ordered, That embargoed copies of the Report be made available, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 134.

[Adjourned until Monday 14 June at 3.00 pm.]

Witnesses

The following witnesses gave evidence. Transcripts can be viewed on the [inquiry publications page](#) of the Committee's website.

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Tanya Castell MBE, appointee, external member of the Prudential Regulation Committee.

Published written evidence

The following written evidence was received and can be viewed on the [inquiry page](#) of the Committee's website.

- 1 Tanya Castell's CV ([ATC0002](#))
- 2 Tanya Castell's appointment hearing questionnaire ([ACT0001](#))

List of Reports from the Committee during the current Parliament

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6th	Reappointment of Professor Silvana Tenreyro to the Monetary Policy Committee	HC 619
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10th	The appointment of Antony Jenkins to the Prudential Regulation Committee	HC 1157
11th	Economic impact of coronavirus: gaps in support and economic analysis	HC 882
12th	Tax after coronavirus	HC 664
13th	Net zero and the Future of Green Finance	HC 147
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2nd Special	Economic Crime: Consumer View: Government and Regulators' Responses to Committee's Third Report of Session 2019	HC 91
3rd Special	Economic impact of coronavirus: Gaps in support: Government Response to the Committee's Second Report	HC 662

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5th Special	Economic impact of coronavirus: the challenges of recovery: Government Response to the Committee's Eighth Report	HC 999
6th Special	Economic impact of coronavirus: gaps in support and economic analysis: Government Response to the Committee's Eleventh Report	HC 1383