

Report on the Annual General Meeting of the BB Action Group Ltd (BBAG)
held at the Holiday Inn, Garforth, Leeds on Saturday the 19th January 2013

The formal meeting commenced with the resolutions specified in the AGM notice apart from the appointment of Ian Cairns as a director who was unable to attend the meeting due to the weather conditions. The 2012 Accounts and the re-election of David Blundell were approved unanimously.

Roger Lawson has expressed his intention to resign as a director from the 1st February due to the pressure of work caused by his chairmanship of the UK Shareholders' Society Ltd. David Blundell expressed his thanks to the meeting for the large amount of pro bono work Roger had provided on behalf of BBAG for which personal expenses had not been claimed and expressed the hope that BBAG could continue to rely on his wise counsel in the future.

The meeting was informed of the appeals to the Information Commissioner in respect of BBAG's requests to the Treasury and the Cabinet Office (CO) for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Since then the Commissioner has upheld the CO's refusal on the grounds of "public interest" in a "finely balanced decision and by a narrow margin". BBAG has appealed against this decision as it believes the public interest favours the full details of the B&B nationalisation being provided by the CO. The Information Rights Tribunal has agreed to our request for an oral hearing, the respondents will be both the CO and the Commissioner's Office, to be held on the 16 and 17th April, 10.00 am start, at Court Room 16, Ground Floor, Victory House, 30-34 Kingsway, London WC2B 6EX. The appeal to the Tribunal will be available shortly on the website www.bbactiongroup.org, Please forward all future communications to:-

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The meeting agreed that the campaign should continue as it was felt that the nationalisation of B&B was neither proportionate nor equitable and was a flawed decision, made in haste for political reasons. If BBAG fails to make progress with the Tribunal on this or other Freedom of Information appeals it will pursue the matter with the Parliamentary Ombudsman