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Paddy McGuinness advises on crisis and resilience issues, providing senior counsel to clients on ever-evolving business and political risk.

Biography

Paddy joined Brunswick in November 2018 with extensive experience of crisis management, contingency planning for major risks and public communications around major national security issues, nationally and internationally. Drawing on his expert knowledge of security in its national, regulatory and geo-political context and his own networks, Paddy advises on crisis and resilience issues, providing senior counsel to clients on ever-evolving business and political risk. Prior to joining Brunswick, Paddy was most recently the UK's Deputy National Security Adviser, for Intelligence, Security and Resilience where he advised the Prime Minister and National Security Council on policy and decision-making on homeland security issues, including national resilience and crisis response, cyber security, counter-terrorism, and the UK's response to action by hostile states. In this role Paddy worked with senior UK officials from across government, senior business figures and foreign partners, to build a coalition of common interests that broadened the UK's national security capabilities and reach. He chaired COBR, on Homeland Security Issues, and led the development of the 2016 National Cyber Security Strategy. He was responsible for the interface between government and business on resilience and national security issues especially as it affects Critical National Infrastructure. He convened the cross-government body on the National Security aspects of Inward Investment. Latterly, he acted as the UK's Envoy to the US tech sector, the US Administration and Congress on lawful access to data. He was also responsible for the funding, oversight and laws for the UK's intelligence and security agencies. Prior to this, Paddy was in the Diplomatic Service with leadership roles in the Middle East and Africa, Counter-Terrorism, Counter-Proliferation, and aspects of Cyber. He served in British Embassies in Rome, Cairo, Abu Dhabi and Sana'a. Paddy was awarded an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1997, and a Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG) in 2014.

Areas of Expertise

Crisis Management, Cyber Security, National Security, UK Politics, UK Business Trends, International Relations, Counter Terrorism

Event Appearances

Presentation 'Unconsidered Cyber Realities for Business'
Secure Computing Forum

Cyber realities for Critical National Infrastructure
Australian Security Summit (AuSec 2019)

Accomplishments

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2014

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