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## **PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT (PLR) RATE PER LOAN 2016**

I am writing to seek your views and, if appropriate, the views of those you represent, on the above matter.

As you are aware, the British Library Board is responsible for making an annual recommendation to the Secretary of State of the amount to be paid from the PLR fund to registered authors, illustrators and other contributors to compensate them for the loan of their books from public libraries. The amount due to each author is based on a rate per loan, calculated on the basis of the size of the fund available and an estimate of the total number of loans of their registered works, obtained by way of a sample of public libraries in the UK.

The British Library Board has proposed a rate per loan of 7.67 pence for the 2016 payments, such sum representing an increase of 1.01 pence on the rate per loan for 2015 payments. This proposed increase has been possible in part due to efficiency savings and increased income, and in part as a result of a reduction in the estimated number of loans of books registered for PLR.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport notes the British Library Board's recommendation that the 2016 payments are made at an increased rate per loan of 7.67 pence and propose to amend the PLR Scheme accordingly. However, before any amendment is made, the Department seeks your views on this proposal, by no later than 7 December 2015.

Please send your response to the Libraries team at the postal address above, or by email to: [rate\\_per\\_loan@culture.gov.uk](mailto:rate_per_loan@culture.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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