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S4C Authority – Chairman Reappointment

Ben Bradshaw, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has reappointed John Walter Jones OBE as Chair of the S4C Authority for a second term. The reappointment will be for a term of four years from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2014.

Biography

John previously worked as a civil servant in the Welsh Office and for nearly 25 years his main responsibilities related to the Welsh language. In 1988 he had the task of establishing the Welsh Language Board and until his retirement in 2004 he was its Chief Executive. He was a member of the DCMS Viewers' Panel on digital switchover. He actively supports the Welsh nursery movement, Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin, and is a member of its Central Finance and Staffing Committee. He also supports the fund raising work of the Noah's Ark Appeal, working for the Children's Hospital for Wales. He is an independent member of the University of Wales Institute Cardiff Stakeholder Forum. He was admitted as a member of the Gorsedd at the 2004 Newport Eisteddfod. He is also a Honorary Fellow of Bangor University. Before his appointment as Chair, John was a member of the Authority from 01/09/2004.

Notes to Editors

1. S4C (Sianel Pedwar Cymru – the Welsh Fourth Channel) was established to provide a wide-ranging and high quality television service in Welsh. The S4C Authority is responsible for the provision of S4C's services and ensuring that S4C and S4C Digidol are delivered as public services and also that effective management arrangements, including financial management, are in place in relation to S4C's public and commercial activities.
2. This reappointments was carried out in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice for Public Appointments. Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. John Walter Jones has not undertaken any political activity during the past five years.