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National Lottery Commission – Reappointments

John Penrose, the Minister for Tourism and Heritage, has reappointed Mary Chapman and James Froomberg as Commissioners, for up to four years, from 14 January 2012.

Mary Chapman

Mary Chapman has a background in marketing, HR and general management. She is Non-executive Chairman of the Institute of Customer Service. Previously she was Chief Executive of the Chartered Management Institute. Earlier, she was the founding Chief Executive of Investors in People UK, the company responsible for the development and quality assurance of the Investors in People Standard. Before that, her career within L'OREAL UK Group Companies included posts as Director of Personnel Operations and Managing Director of Helena Rubinstein. Mary is also a Council Member of the Girls' Day School Trust, the largest educational charity in the UK, a non-executive Director of the Royal Mint, a Governor of Brunel University and a member of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England. She currently holds no other public appointments.

James Froomberg

James Froomberg is a leisure and property industry director with more than 20 years' experience in the private, public and consultancy sectors, and is also a Trustee Director of Young Enterprise. He was previously a member of the Government's Casino Advisory Panel; the Commercial Director of British Waterways; the Director of Corporate Development at Wembley plc; and the KPMG Partner leading its UK leisure, tourism, property and PFI consultancy business. He currently holds no other public appointments.

Background

The National Lottery Commission regulates the Lottery to ensure that players are treated fairly, the nation's interest in the Lottery is protected, and the operator is motivated to maximise the enjoyment and benefits that the Lottery brings to the nation. Its statutory duties are to:

- ensure that the National Lottery, and every lottery that forms a part of it, is run with all due propriety;
- ensure that the interests of every participant in the Lottery are protected; and
- subject to these two duties, to do our best in making sure that the proceeds of the National Lottery are as great as possible.

The Commission ensures that all aspects of the Lottery, from the televised draws to the way players are paid their prize money, are conducted properly and in accordance with the licence it awards to the lottery operator. It also works to secure the greatest possible returns to good causes.

Commissioners devote three days per month, on average, and receive £275 per day, plus reasonable expenses.

The Government has announced its intention to merge the National Lottery Commission with the Gambling Commission, through the Public Bodies Bill.

Appointments to the National Lottery Commission are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, and follow the OCPA Code of Practice. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity (if any declared) to be made public, upon appointment and also upon reappointment. Ms Chapman and Mr Froomberg have each declared no political activity in the UK in the last five years.