

## **IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM REAPPOINTMENTS**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communication and Creative Industries has reappointed Lord Black of Brentwood, to the Board of the Imperial War Museum for a period of 4 years from 2 July 2011.

### **Biographical details**

Lord Black is Executive Director at the Telegraph Media Group. He was previously Director of the Press Complaints Commission, Press Secretary to Rt Hon Michael Howard MP, and Director of Communications at Conservative Central Office. He is Chairman of the Press Standards Boards of Finance, and Chairman of the Commonwealth Press Union Media Trust. He was awarded a peerage in 2010.

### **Notes to editors**

1. The Imperial War Museum (IWM) was founded in 1917 to record the story of the Great War. Its remit has subsequently been extended to cover the Second World War and all military operations involving Britain or the Commonwealth since August 1914. The IWM is a war museum rather than a military museum: it tells the story of modern war, people's experience of war and its impact on society in Britain and the Commonwealth. It is an educational institution responsible for archives, collections and sites of outstanding national importance. It is a single institution with a single purpose, fulfilled in different ways at its different branches, both physical and virtual.
2. Appointments to the IWM are made in accordance with Imperial War Museum Acts 1920 & 1955, and the Museums and Galleries Act 1992, the IWM is governed by a board of 22 trustees. Of these 1 (The President of Board) is appointed by The Queen, 10 by the Prime Minister, 1 by the DCMS SofS, 2 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office SoS, and 1 by the Defence SofS. There are also 7 ex-officio members who represent Canada, South Africa, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India and Australia.
3. Trustee roles are not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.
4. This appointments process was carried out in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Lord Black declared that he is a Conservative member of the House of Lords.