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## **UK Sport - Reappointments**

Hugh Robertson, Minister for Sport and the Olympics has reappointed Philip Kimberley for a second term as member of UK Sport. Hugh Robertson has also reappointed Dominic Walsh as the Northern Ireland member for UK Sport.

### **Philip Kimberley**

Philip trained as a Chemical engineer and has an MBA from London Business School. He spent over 20 years with Burmah Castrol plc ending up on the global board of Castrol the world repowered engine oils multinational. Much of his international business career was spent in emerging markets. In 2003 Philip became Executive Chairman of England Hockey and led the rebuilding of the governing body on a day to day basis. In 2009 he stepped back to become Non-executive Chairman as the team strengthened in the run up to 2012. In addition he represents England on the GB Hockey Board.

### **Dominic Walsh**

Dominic Walsh is the Chair of Sport Northern Ireland. He joined the UK Sport board in 2008. He is the Chief Executive of MSO Group Ltd, a privately owned printed packaging business based in Northern Ireland. His academic achievements include a BSc in Engineering and an MBa from Queens University Belfast. Outside of his business life he is a past president of the British Printing Federation Industry. A keen sportsman Dominic played competitive rugby for 30 years and has since moved into coaching and management. He also has a keen knowledge and interest in a wide range of sports including golf, association football, Gaelic football, and squash and recently sailing.

## **Background**

1. Philip Kimberley has been reappointed for a second term from 16 March 2012 to 15 March 2015.
2. Dominic Walsh has been reappointed as the Northern Ireland member from 2 March 2012 to 10 September 2012. Dominic has been reappointed by the Northern Ireland ministers as Chair of the Sports Council until 10 September 2011. Hugh Robertson has agreed with the Northern Ireland nomination to reappoint Dominic for six months.
3. These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process.