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## **The Wallace Collection**

The Prime Minister has appointed Martin Drury CBE as a Trustee of The Wallace Collection, for the twelve months from 14 June 2010.

### **Biographical Notes**

Mr Drury has pursued a career of over thirty years in the conservation of historic buildings. For much of this time, he served with the National Trust where he held the posts of Historic Buildings Secretary, Deputy Director General and then Director General from 1996 until his retirement in 2001.

Currently, he is Chairman of the Landmark Trust, Vice-chairman of the Attingham Trust, Vice-President of the Heritage of London Trust and Vice-President of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts. He is a Member of the St Paul's Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee, and from 2003 until 2009 he was also a Commissioner of the Royal Hospital. He was awarded a CBE in 2001, and the Esher Award in 2002, for services to the protection of historic buildings. He holds no other public appointments.

### **Background**

The Wallace Collection is both a national museum and one of the finest collections of art assembled by one family. It was bequeathed to the nation by Lady Wallace in 1897, and opened to the public just over three years later on 22 June 1900. Among its treasures are one of the best collections of French 18th-century pictures, porcelain and furniture in the world; a remarkable array of 17th century paintings; and an armoury. The Terms of the Bequest preclude the Trustees from adding to the collection, and from disposing of any of its objects. The Trustees are not remunerated.

Appointments and reappointments are made on merit, in compliance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments, and political activity plays no part in the process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for defined political activity in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Drury has declared no political activity.