

## **National Lottery Commission Reappointment**

Siôn Simon, Minister for Creative Industries, has reappointed Robert Foster as a Commissioner at the National Lottery Commission for a second term of four years from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2014.

### **Biographical information**

Robert Foster was until September 2004, Chief Executive of the Competition Commission. He has also held a number of senior posts in Whitehall including responsibility for the Department of Business' innovation expenditure as well as aerospace and defence industry policy. In the Cabinet Office he handled the planning and setting up of the Office of Science and Innovation. Previously he was an engineering manager in the telecommunications and electronics industries. He holds a number of Non-Executive Director appointments including Vice Chair of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority, and is a member of the Advisory Council of Oxford Capital Partners.

### **Background**

The National Lottery Commission is responsible for awarding the licence to run the National Lottery as well as granting licences for specific lottery games. The Commission monitors the performance of the operator and its compliance with its operator licence and regulations. It can impose penalties and sanctions for any breaches of the licence and ultimately it could revoke the operator licence.

As a Commissioner, Robert Foster may claim remuneration of £288.50 per day in addition to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. 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 appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Robert Foster has declared no political activity.