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## **Gambling Commission – Reappointment of Peter Teague**

John Penrose, the Minister for Tourism and Heritage, has reappointed Peter Teague for a second term as a Commissioner, for up to four years from 1 September 2011.

### **Peter Teague**

Peter Teague joined the Gambling Commission in 2007, and is Chairman of the Audit Committee. He is currently Chief Executive of New Technology CADCAM Ltd, and non-executive Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee at both Immedia Broadcasting plc and Elexon Limited. He is also a member of Ofcom's Audit Committee and its Spectrum Clearance Finance Committee. He holds one other public appointment as a member of the Horserace Betting Levy Appeals Tribunal, to which he has not so far been required to devote any time, and for which he has received no remuneration.

### **Background**

The Gambling Commission was established on 1st October 2005. The Commission is an independent regulator for all commercial gambling in Great Britain, except the National Lottery and spread betting. It is based in Birmingham and has a staff of approximately 220. The Commission has taken over all the former responsibilities of the Gaming Board for Great Britain, as well as significant new responsibilities for regulating betting, arcades and remote gambling. Commissioners devote on average one day per week to this work, and receive £275 per day for their time.

The Government has announced its intention to merge the Gambling Commission and the National Lottery Commission through the Public Bodies Bill. Both bodies are independent non-departmental public bodies sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. The Gambling Commission regulates commercial gambling in Great Britain, and the National Lottery Commission regulates the National Lottery in the UK. Public appointments to the boards of these bodies will be subject to review if the proposal to merge them takes effect.

The reappointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments 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 in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Teague has declared no political activity.