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Public Lending Right

Registrar Reappointment

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, has reappointed Dr Jim Parker as Registrar of Public Lending Right for a further five year term from 1 August 2011.

The Registrar has responsibility for the operation of the PLR Scheme. The Registrar also acts as co-ordinator of the International PLR Network, which brings together those countries that have set up similar PLR systems. Before joining the PLR, Dr Parker worked with the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Background and Notes for Editors

1. Under the Public Lending Right Act, 1979, authors have a legal right to receive payment relating to the lending of their books from public libraries. The Scheme, administered by the Registrar, is funded through DCMS. Payments are made annually to eligible authors on the basis of loans data collected by the Registrar from a representative sample of public libraries.
2. The Registrar currently receives remuneration of £63,000pa. This is a full-time position, in effect, performing the functions of a Chief Executive.
3. This appointment is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments and the reappointment process 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. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Dr Parker has declared no political activity.