

July 2011

Ofcom – renewal of Government Appointed Member

Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport has reappointed Lord Norman Blackwell as non executive member of the Ofcom Board, for the three years commencing 1 September 2012.

Lord Norman Blackwell

Norman Blackwell is currently Chairman of the Board at Interserve plc, the Senior Independent Director at Standard Life plc, a non-executive director of Halma plc and a Commissioner of Postcomm.

He is also a Board member of the Centre for Policy Studies. He has previously held Non-Executive Director and Chairman positions at Office of Fair Trading, SEGRO plc, Corporate Services Group plc, Akers Biosciences Inc, SmartStream Technologies Ltd and Dixons plc. He was also Director of Group Development at NatWest Group Plc from 1997 -2000.

From 1995 to 1997 Norman Blackwell was head of then Prime Minister John Major's Policy Unit, where he co-ordinated domestic policy development across Whitehall. He was made a Life Peer in 1997 and remains an active member of the House of Lords with a seat on the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee.

Prior to 1995 he was a partner of McKinsey & Company, international management consultants. He holds an MBA and PhD in Finance and Economics from the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania and an MA, Natural Sciences from Trinity College, Cambridge.

Norman Blackwell is a member of the Ofcom Nations and Remuneration Committees. He was appointed a Commissioner of Postcomm on 16 December 2010.

Background

Non executive appointments to the Ofcom Board are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport, and follow the OCPA Code of Practice. All public 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 political activity (if any declared) to be made public, upon appointment and also upon reappointment. Lord Blackwell sits as a Conservative Peer in the House of Lords. The appointment of the Ofcom board members was made on merit following a fair, open and transparent process, regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The [OCA Code of Practice](#) is available on the website for the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Ofcom Non-Executive Directors receive £42,519 a year for up to two days per week.