

Ofcom – renewal of Members

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has reappointed Mike McTighe and Tim Gardam as non-executive members of Ofcom for a period of fifteen months and twelve months respectively. Under these re-appointments Mr McTighe will serve from 1 September 2013 to 31 December 2014 and Mr Gardam from 1 January to 31 December 2014.

Mike McTighe was appointed to the Ofcom Board on 1 September 2007 for an initial three year term. He was reappointed on 27 October 2009 to serve a second three year term which will conclude on 31 August 2013. Mr. McTighe has held a number of directorships, and is currently Chairman of Volex Group plc, Chairman of WYG plc, and senior independent director of Belfair Group plc. Mr. McTighe also acts as a special advisor to General Atlantic, the US based private equity firm. Previously he was Chairman of JJB Sports, Chairman & CEO of Carrier1 International SA, and before that Executive Director & Chief Executive, Global Operations of Cable & Wireless plc. Mr McTighe also spent 5 years with Philips of the Netherlands, 5 years with Motorola, and 10 years with GE. He is Chairman of the Ofcom Risk and Audit Committee, and a member of Ofcom's Remuneration and Nominations Committees.

Tim Gardam was appointed to the Ofcom Board on 1 January 2008 for an initial three year term. He was reappointed on 27 October 2009 to serve a second three year term which will conclude on 31 December 2013. Mr. Gardam has been the Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford since 2004. He is a member of the University Council and Chair of The Conference of Colleges. Mr. Gardam had a 25 year career in broadcasting starting at the BBC where he was editor of Panorama and Newsnight before becoming Head of Current Affairs and Weekly News. He was part of the first senior management team at Five and was Director of Programmes at Channel Four. He was the author of the DCMS Review of BBC Digital Radio Services in 2004, a member of Lord Burns' Advisory Panel on the BBC Charter Review and a Director of SMG plc from 2005-7. He established, and is now Chair of, the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University. Mr. Gardam joined Ofcom's Content Board with effect from 21 July 2009 and was appointed Chairman of the Content Board with effect from 1 January 2012. He is also Chairman of the Ofcom Broadcast Licensing Committee, Chairman of the Ofcom Election Committee and a member of the Ofcom Nominations and Remuneration Committees.

Background

Non executive appointments to the Ofcom Board are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, 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. The appointment of all 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.