

**Appointment of Chairman of Standing Group**

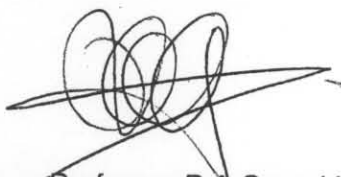
1. The Standing Group was appointed by Sir Derek Morris on 11 November 2003 and consists of the following members:-

Mr C Clarke  
Mr P J Freeman  
Professor P A Geroski  
Professor C Graham  
Sir Derek Morris.

2. On Monday 17 May 2004, Sir Derek Morris resigned as Chairman of the group with immediate effect and confirmed his intention to continue as a member of the group for the time being.

3. In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 45 of, and paragraph 15 and 16 of Part II of Schedule 7 to, the Competition Act 1998, I appoint myself, being a member of the group, to act as Chairman of the group.

4. The functions of the group are set out in paragraph 3 of the Appointment of the Standing Group dated 11 November 2003.



Professor P A Geroski  
Chairman  
18 May 2004