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Department for Culture, Media and Sports

Public Lending Right Registrar Reappointment

The Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell has reappointed Dr Jim Parker as Registrar of Public Lending Right and as a member of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee. Dr Parker started his first term in August 1991, and he has been reappointed for a further five year term from 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2011.

The appointment as Registrar is a unique position. As Registrar Dr Parker has sole responsibility for the operation of the PLR Scheme and in this role he is in effect performing the functions of a Chief Executive. He also acts as Co-ordinator of the International PLR Network which brings together the growing number of countries that have set up PLR systems. Before joining PLR, he worked in London with the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.

Notes to Editors

- 1) Under the Public Lending Right Act 1979, authors have a legal right to receive payment in accordance with how often their books are lent out from public libraries. The scheme, which is administered by the Registrar, is funded through the DCMS and 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 is currently remunerated at £58,157.
- 3) The reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.