

National Lottery Commission Reappointment

Siôn Simon, Minister for Creative Industries, has reappointed Sarah Thane CBE as a Commissioner at the National Lottery Commission for a second term of four years from 17 September 2009 to 16 September 2013.

Biographical information

Sarah Thane is an independent consultant on broadcasting regulation and has advised, among others, the BBC Trust on regulatory and compliance matters. She was formerly Advisor, Content and Standards at Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator. Prior to that, at the Independent Television Commission (ITC) she was its first Director of Public Affairs, and later its Director of Programmes and Advertising. She also sits on the Board of Governors of Teachers TV, an online and broadcast service for all involved in the education of 5-16 year olds. She is a Fellow of the Royal Television Society and was its Chairman from May 2000 – June 2002. Sarah sits as a magistrate on the West Suffolk Bench.

Background

The National Lottery Commission is responsible for awarding the licence to run the National Lottery as well as granting licences for specific lottery games. The Commission monitors the performance of the operator and its compliance with its operator licence and regulations. It can impose penalties and sanctions for any breaches of the licence and ultimately it could revoke the operator licence.

Sarah Thane chairs the Commission's Regulating with Excellence Reference Group and sits on the Audit Committee. As a Commissioner, Sarah Thane may claim remuneration of £284 per day in addition to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.

This appointment 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. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Sarah Thane has declared no political activity.