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LEGAL DEPOSIT ADVISORY PANEL – MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture, has reappointed **Andrew Yeates** as a Member of the Legal Deposit Advisory Panel for a second term of four years from 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2012.

Andrew Yeates is a media lawyer and business affairs specialist. He helped to set up The Educational Recording Agency in 1989 and served as Chairman from 1995 to 2004. Since then Andrew has continued working with the company as its General Counsel. He has been Intellectual Property Adviser to PPA (Periodical Publishers Association) since 2004. Since April 2006 he has also worked as a consultant to Sheridans solicitors, dealing particularly on rights related issues for clients involved in film, television and online distribution, and as a consultant for British Equity Collecting Society. Andrew qualified as a solicitor in 1981 and joined Thames Television as Contracts Manager for Thames and its subsidiaries Thames Television International and Euston Films in the same year. He left Thames in 1987 becoming Company Lawyer for Phonographic Performance Limited and then joining Channel 4 in 1988. He worked with Channel 4 in a number of roles during the next 11 years including as Head of Acquisitions and Business Affairs and finally for 4 years as Corporation Secretary and Head of Rights. In 1999 he joined the BPI (the record industry trade association) initially as Director of Legal and Business Affairs and then as Director General from 2000 to 2004. Andrew served as Chairman of the DCMS led Creative Exports Group from 2003 to 2008 and is now a member of the UKTI Creative Industries Advisory Board.

Andrew Yeates has undertaken no political activity in the past 5 years.

Notes to Editors:

1. LDAP was set up in September 2005 to advise the Secretary of State on the implementation of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003. The 2003 Act defines the deposit regime for print works in the six legal deposit libraries (the British Library; the National Library of Wales; the National Library of Scotland; the Bodleian Library, Oxford; the University Library, Cambridge; and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin), but it is generic in relation to non-print publications, allowing for all current and future non-print works to potentially be included in the Act through regulations.
2. LDAP is currently considering three main non-print formats; offline, e-journals and website archiving, and each format is being trialled through a range of voluntary deposit schemes. The voluntary schemes operate as pilots, testing how digital content can be deposited, and providing evidence for the need for regulation where applicable.
3. Andrew Yeates' first term of appointment ran from 1 September 2005 to 31 August 2008.

4. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.