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Mr Deep Sagar is appointed a Commissioner of the National Lottery Commission

Richard Caborn, the Minister for Sport, announced today that Mr Deep Sagar has been appointed as a Commissioner of the National Lottery Commission. His term of appointment will run from 1st September 2007 to 31st August 2011.

Biographical notes

Deep Sagar is a management consultant who has extensive experience of governance and management across various sectors. From 2001-04 he was Client Director at Ashridge Business School. This followed senior management roles internationally with multinationals including Unilever Bestfoods and Coca-Cola for over 15 years. Among the appointments he holds currently are Chair of LEASE and of Turnstone Support Limited. He is also a Member of the Casino Advisory Panel until the end of September 2007.

Background

The National Lottery Commission (NLC) is the non-departmental public body responsible for regulating the operation of the National Lottery. It currently comprises five Commissioners including the Chair, supported by a full-time Chief Executive and around 40 staff. The NLC has offices in London and is co-located with the current operator in Watford.

The overriding statutory duties of the Commission are to ensure that the National Lottery is run with all due propriety and to protect the interests of every lottery player. It also has a further duty to do its best to maximise the net proceeds of the Lottery available for distribution to the Good Causes. The NLC is also subject to regulations and directions made by the Secretary of State.

The NLC 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.

Commissioners may claim remuneration of £275 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. Deep Sagar has declared no political activity.

Deep Sagar currently holds the following additional public appointments. He is a: Member of the Casino Advisory Panel (DCMS), remunerated at £250 per day; a Board Member, Public Guardianship Office (Department for Constitutional Affairs), remunerated at £300 per day; Chair, the Leasehold Advisory Service (LEASE) (Communities and Local Government), remunerated at £213 per day; Board Member,

Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation (Communities and Local Government), remunerated at £11,954 per year and a Non-Executive Director, Expert Patients Programme (Department of Health), remunerated at £6,000 per year.