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Dr Stuart Cosgrove is appointed to serve as the Trustee for Scotland on the Board of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts (NESTA)

Estelle Morris, Minister of State for the Arts, announced today that Dr Stuart Cosgrove has been appointed as the Trustee for Scotland on the Board of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts. His term of appointment will run from 25 October 2004 to 24 October 2008.

**Biographical notes:**

Dr Stuart Cosgrove is a TV Executive, who has been Head of Programmes, Nations and Regions, and then Director of Nations and Regions at Channel 4 Television. At Channel 4, he has also held the posts of Controller of Arts and Entertainment, as well as Commissioning Editor Independent Film & Video (1997 to date). He is a published writer, respected journalist, and award-winning broadcaster with senior management experience across various branches of media and communications. He has an established background in higher education, training, and business development. His other interests include being Managing Director of Big Star, an independent production company. Currently, he is a Board Member of the British Film Institute Production Board, Director of the Joint Festivals Board for the Edinburgh International Festival, and Board Member/Director of Scottish Enterprise. He has not participated in any significant political activity in the last five years.

**Background:**

NESTA's Trustees act as stewards of the UK's first national endowment. The Lottery Act 1998 confers a specific responsibility on NESTA's Trustees to devise and implement appropriate means of achieving its main objectives, by framing and putting into practice a policy for investing the funds, subject to the guidelines set by the 1998 Act, and any related Directions issued by the Secretary of State for Culture Media & Sport. In addition, Trustees are responsible for ensuring NESTA seeks to augment its endowment through fund-raising, the acquisition of intellectual property and other means.

Trustees do not receive a salary but may claim reasonable travel and subsistence including an honorarium of £165 per day.

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.