

## **PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dr Maggie Gee has been re-appointed as Committee Member of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee (PLRAC). The term of re-appointment is four years from 6 August 2003.

### **Biographical Details**

Dr Gee was first appointed as a Committee Member of the PLRAC on 6 August 2000. She is a respected novelist, academic and Member of Council of the Royal Society for Literature. Her novels include *Dying in Other Words* (1981), *The Burning Book* (1983), *Light Years* (1985), *Grace* (1988), *Where are the Snows* (1991), *Lost Children* (1994) and *The Ice People* (1998), and *The White Family* (2002) which was short-listed for the Orange Prize for Fiction. She has not carried out any significant political activity in the last 5 years.

### **Notes for Editors**

1. The PLRAC advises the Secretary of State and the Registrar of Public Lending Right on the operation of the PLR Scheme. The Scheme was established by the Public Lending Right Act (1979) and is administered by the Registrar. Under the Act, authors have a legal right to receive payment for the loan of their books from public libraries. The PLR office is located in Stockton-on-Tees.
2. The Scheme is funded through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 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.