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Interim Chair of Tote appointed

Ian Good CBE has been appointed as interim Chair of the Tote, Minister for Sport Gerry Sutcliffe announced today.

Ian Good is a current board member and will take up the post from the 1st January 2008 for a period of six months. It follows the decision of current Chair, Peter Jones, to retire on the 31st December.

Gerry Sutcliffe said:

"I'm pleased Ian has agreed to take on this role during an important period for the Tote. He brings with him considerable experience and judgement that will prove very important. I'd also like to place on record my thanks to Peter Jones, who has been an excellent Chair of the Tote and a steady hand during a period of uncertainty."

Ian Good said:

"I am delighted to have been invited to hold the reins of the Tote during a period which is exciting and challenging in equal measure for the Tote's businesses and its employees."

A new, permanent Chair will be appointed by end of June 2008 by the normal public appointments process. Due to his other commitments, Ian Good will not be applying for the position on a full time basis.

Notes to Editors:

Ian Good CBE joined the Board in January 2006. He is the chairman of Edrington Group, a Scottish distiller owner of numerous brands including The Famous Grouse and The Macallan. A chartered accountant who began his career with Price Waterhouse, Ian is also the chairman of Hamilton Park Racecourse, the Robertson Trust and Scottish Racing Marketing Ltd as well as being a Steward of The Jockey Club.

The Horserace Totalisator Board (Tote) is a non-departmental public body founded to enable racegoers to bet by means of a totalisator (pool betting) and to raise money for horseracing. It is a statutory authority, which was first established, as the Racecourse Betting Control Board, by the Racecourse Betting Act 1928 and given its present official name in 1961, but has always been known as the Tote. A corporate body, it runs in accordance with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (as amended).

The Government is committed to selling the Tote and is currently evaluating a bid from a consortium involving racing and Tote management.