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PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

David Lammy MP, Minister for Culture has reappointed **Robert Froud** as a member of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee for a second term of four years from 20 January 2007 to 19 January 2011.

Robert Froud is a Librarian with over 30 years of experience. He is currently the Manager of Cultural Service for Somerset County Council and was previously the County Librarian. He has been Area Librarian for London Borough of Brent and for Essex County Council. He is a member of the Board of the Museums Libraries and Archives Council South West, President of the Society of Chief Librarians and Chair of The Combined Regions. Previously, he was a member of the Advisory Council on Libraries and was a founder member of the Public Libraries International Network. He is also the joint author of 'E Government and Public Libraries: promoting local and national agendas'.

Notes to Editors:

1. The Public Lending Right Advisory Committee is a non-statutory committee, appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, which advises the Registrar of Public Lending Right and DCMS Ministers on the operation of the PLR scheme. The scheme gives effects to the PLR Act (1979) by which authors have a legal right to receive payment for the free lending out of their books by public libraries.
2. The Committee has no executive or financial responsibility for the management of the PLR scheme. Its role is to provide advice on areas such as promoting awareness of PLR among authors, future development of the scheme's coverage, changes to the scheme to deal with anomalies or unfairness, relations with libraries, and dealings with other national PLR schemes.
3. Robert Froud's first term as member of the Committee ran from 20 January 2003 to 19 January 2007.
4. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the process.