



Department for Culture, Media and Sport
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PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – CHAIR REAPPOINTMENT

Simon Brett has been re-appointed as Chair of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee for a second term of four years from 7 August 2007 to 6 August 2011.

Simon Brett has been a full time freelance writer since 1979. He has published over sixty books, including the Charles Paris, Mrs Pargeter and Fethering series of crime novels. His writing for TV includes *After Henry* (nominated for 1988 and 1989 BAFTA Awards), *How to be a Little S*d* and *Rosemary & Thyme*; writing for radio includes *After Henry* (BPG Award for Outstanding Radio Programme 1987), *Dear Diary, No Commitments*, *Foul Play*, *Smelling of Roses*. He is a former chair of the Crime Writers Association and the Society of Authors.

Simon Brett has not carried out any political activity during the last five years.

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 (PLR) and DCMS Ministers on the operation of the PLR scheme. The scheme gives effect to the Public Lending Right 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. This rests with the Registrar and his team who operate from offices in Stockton-on-Tees. It provides advice on areas such as promoting awareness of PLR among authors, future development of the scheme, and relations with libraries.
3. Simon Brett's first term as Chair of the Committee ran from 7 August 2003 to 6 August 2007.
4. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.