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## **GAMING BOARD FOR GREAT BRITAIN REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER**

Lord McIntosh, the Minister for the Media and Heritage, has reappointed Roy Penrose OBE QPM to the Gaming Board for Great Britain for a second term. The appointment will be for five years commencing 1 August 2004.

### **Biographical details**

Roy Penrose has given almost 40 years' continuous Police Service. He has been Director General of the National Crime Squad from 1998 until 2000, and was Deputy Assistant Commissioner in the Metropolitan Police. He was awarded the Queens Police Medal in 1993 and the OBE in 1998. He was first appointed to the Gaming Board in August 2001.

### **Notes to editors**

The Gaming Board was established by the 1968 Gaming Act and is the regulatory body for casinos, bingo clubs, gaming machines and the larger national and all local authority lotteries. The Board does not regulate bookmakers or Licensed Betting Offices.

The Government published a draft bill in February that will modernise Britain's gambling laws and will create a new Gambling Commission, with wider and more flexible powers and with additional responsibility for the regulation of on-line gambling and betting. Board members will act as Commissioners following the Bill's enactment. Details can be found on the Department's website at [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk)

Remuneration for the appointment is £17,584 per year, plus reasonable expenses.

Mr Penrose has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.

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