

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Robert Froud has been appointed as a Member of the Public Lending Right Advisory Committee. The term of the appointment will be for four years from 20 January 2003.

Biographical Details

Mr Robert Froud is a Librarian with over 25 years of experience. He is currently the County Librarian for Somerset County Council, a member of Home Countries Committee of Resource: the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries, Advisory Council on Libraries and the International Network of Public Libraries. He is also the joint author of *E Government and Public Libraries : promoting local and national agendas*. Mr Froud has not undertaken any significant political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors

1. The PLR Advisory Committee 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.