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WINSTON RODDICK AND JOHN WALTER JONES APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE S4C AUTHORITY

S4C is to have two new Authority members.

Winston Roddick and John Walter Jones have been appointed to the S4C Authority by the Secretary of State. The appointments will last four years and begin on 1 September 2004.

Biographical details:

Winston Roddick CB QC

Winston Roddick is the former Counsel General, National Assembly for Wales.

John Walter Jones OBE

Graduated in Economics in Cardiff in 1971. A civil servant from 1971-1988 at the Welsh Office, working in Transport and Highways, Housing, Health and Education. He was Private Secretary to three Ministers and Parliamentary Clerk. He was Chief Executive of the Welsh Language Board between 1988 and his retirement in 2004. In January 2004 he was the first person to address the newly formed joint committee of the House of Commons and House of Lords on Minority Languages. He is a member of the Cardiff National Eisteddfod 2008 Steering Committee and the Finance and Staffing Committee of the Welsh Medium Pre-School Play Groups Association. He was a member of DCMS Viewers Panel on the digital analogue switch-over.

Background

1. S4C (Sianel Pedwar Cymru - the Welsh Fourth Channel) was established to provide a wide-ranging and high quality television service in Welsh. The S4C Authority, as a regulatory body, is responsible for ensuring that S4C and S4C Digital are delivered as public services and also that effective management arrangements, including financial management, are in place for S4C's public and commercial services.
2. S4C is funded by Grant-in-aid, the level of which is determined by a formula set out in the Broadcasting Act 1996. S4C has an annual turnover of £100 million.
3. The current remuneration for Members of S4C is £8,880 per annum for a nominal 1 day per week.

4. These appointments have been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice. Neither appointee holds another public appointment.
5. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity to be made public. Neither of these candidates has declared any political activities in the last five years.