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WINSTON RODDICK RE-APPOINTED AS A MEMBER OF THE S4C AUTHORITY

Andy Burnham, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has re-appointed Winston Roddick as a member of the S4C Authority for a second term of four years from 1 September 2008 to 31 August 2012.

Biographical Notes

Winston Roddick CB QC practices as a Queen's Counsel in Cardiff and London. He is also a Crown Court Recorder and Honorary Recorder of Caernarfon. He is currently Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit. He was appointed Counsel General for the National Assembly for Wales in 1998 for a period of five years and was honoured as a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) and ordained as a member of the Gorsedd at the National Eisteddfod in 2004. He is a Fellow and Vice-Chair of the Council of Aberystwyth University. He was a member of the Independent Television Commission for a period prior to his appointment at the National Assembly.

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 is responsible for the provision of S4C's services and ensuring that S4C and S4C Digidol are delivered as public services and also that effective management arrangements, including financial management, are in place in relation to S4C's public and commercial activities.
2. S4C is funded by grant in aid, the level of which is determined by a formula set out in the Broadcasting Act 1996. In 2007 S4C had an annual turnover of £100.059 million.
3. The current remuneration for Members of the S4C Authority is £9,370 per annum for a nominated 1 day per week.
4. The re-appointment has been made in accordance with the Office for the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice. Winston Roddick does not hold any other public appointments.
5. Re-appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Winston Roddick has not declared any political activity during the past five years.