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## **Andrew Flanagan is appointed a Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts [NESTA]**

James Purnell, the Minister for Creative Industries, announced today that Andrew Flanagan has been appointed a NESTA trustee. His term of appointment will run from 27 February 2006 to 26 February 2010.

### Biographical notes

Andrew Flanagan is Chief Executive of SMG Plc, one of the UK's leading media companies (1996 to date). Before this, he was a financial analyst and then Manager of financial Control at ITT Europe Inc (1981 to 1986). He went on to hold finance director posts at the PA Consulting Group, and at Nynex Inc, where he was Finance Director of the BIS Group (1986 to 1993). He then joined SMG Plc in 1994 as Group Finance Director. Mr Flanagan has not undertaken any significant political activity in the last five years

### Background

The role of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) is to give backing to people of exceptional talent and imagination. Through a range of pioneering programmes, it offers tailored support to enable individuals to explore new ideas, develop new products and services, or experiment with new ways of nurturing creativity in science, technology and the arts. NESTA is committed to sharing its learning, working collaboratively with other interested parties, and thinking imaginatively about how best to remove the obstacles that have prevented the UK's innovative potential from being fulfilled.

NESTA Trustees may claim a daily honorarium of £202, whilst reasonable expenses, incurred as a result of business undertaken on behalf of NESTA will be reimbursed.

This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.