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Eve Salomon, Ben Gunn, Gill Milburn and Bill Knight are reappointed as Commissioners to the Board of the Gambling Commission

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has reappointed Eve Salomon, Ben Gunn, Gill Milburn and Bill Knight as Commissioners to the Board of the Gambling Commission for a second term. Their terms of appointment will be for four years from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2011.

Biographical notes

Eve Salomon

Eve Salomon is a regulatory and public affairs consultant, and a director of Salomon Whittle Ltd, a company specializing in media-related matters both in the UK and internationally. She is also a member of the Better Regulation Commission and of the Press Complaints Commission.

Ben Gunn

Ben Gunn was Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire from 1993 to 2002 having previously served in the Metropolitan Police for 28 years. He is senior partner in Campbell Gunn Associates, a firm of Management Consultants. He was the independent chairman of the joint Jockey Club/British Horseracing Board Security Review which examined integrity issues in horseracing in Great Britain in 2003 and is currently an independent regulatory director of the British Horseracing Authority. Mr Gunn is also security advisor to the National Trust and a trustee and former chairman of the Child Victims of Crime Charity.

Gill Milburn

Gill Milburn had a career in taxation and marketing prior to joining the Gaming Board (now the Gambling Commission). She is a Magistrate and has served on Cheshire Magistrates Court's Youth, Licensing and Enforcement Panels. Mrs Milburn works with North West Ark, a programme to settle and rehabilitate drug offenders.

Bill Knight

Bill Knight is a solicitor. He is Chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel and Deputy Chairman of Lloyd's Council. He is a former Chairman of the Enforcement Committee of the General Insurance Standards Council and of the Law Society's Company Law Committee.

Background

The Gambling Act 2005 implements the Government's proposals for the reform of the law on gambling and provides the basis for a new, improved and more comprehensive regulatory structure to govern the provision of almost all commercial gambling in Great Britain. The Act places social responsibility at the heart of a system which includes a new structure for the provision of protections for children and vulnerable adults and, in particular, brings the burgeoning Internet gaming sector within British regulation for the first time. The Commission was established on 1st October 2005 as a new independent regulatory body.

The Commission is an independent regulator for all commercial gambling in Great Britain, except the National Lottery and spread betting. It has taken over all the former responsibilities of the Gaming Board for Great Britain, as well as new significant responsibilities for regulating betting and remote gambling. As a non-departmental public body, it will receive some grant-in-aid from the DCMS, though most of its income will be raised through licence fees. These fees are set at a level that enables full cost recovery for the Commission and ensures fairness and value for money for the gambling industry. Grant-in-aid relates to costs that are not recoverable through licence fees.

The Commission work is set in the context of the three statutory licensing objectives:-

1. to keep gambling free from crime;
2. to ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
3. to protect children and the vulnerable from harm.

Commissioners are offered remuneration of £282 per day plus reasonable travel and subsistence expenses. Eve Salomon holds one other public appointment as a Member of the Better Regulation Commission which is not remunerated. None of the other reappointed Commissioners hold other public appointments and they have all declared that they have undertaken no political activity during the last five years.