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## **Sarah Thane appointed to the National Lottery Commission**

Richard Caborn, Minister for Sport, announced today that Sarah Thane has been appointed as a Commissioner of the National Lottery Commission.

Sarah's term of appointment runs from 17 September 2005 to 16 September 2009.

### Biographical note:

Sarah Thane is an independent consultant on broadcasting regulation, currently advising the BBC Governors on regulatory and compliance matters. She is a former Advisor to the Content and Standards Group at Ofcom, where she managed the work of the Content Board. Other appointments held include Director of Programmes and Advertising at the Independent Television Commission. Sarah is a Fellow and former Chair of the Royal Television Society. She is also a non-executive director of Films of Record, an independent film production company and has just been appointed as a justice of the peace in West Suffolk.

### Background:

The role of the National Lottery Commission is to ensure the propriety of the National Lottery, to protect the interests of those who participate in the Lottery and, subject to these two points, to maximise the money available for distribution to good causes. Independently of Government, the Commission runs the competition to operate the National Lottery. Camelot's licence expires in January 2009. Work on planning for the next competition has already begun, with the Commission undertaking research and consulting widely before it draws up the framework for bidding and terms of the competition during 2006. It is expected that bids for the third licence period will be submitted late 2006 with a decision in 2007.

The current annualised rate of remuneration for Commissioners is £7,010.

The appointments process was carried out in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Sarah Thane has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.