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MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE SCOTTISH CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW COMMISSION

Justice Minister Cathy Jamieson today announced that the First Minister would be recommending to The Queen the appointment of four new members to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

The new members are:

Robert Brown Anthony, QC, Professor Brian Caddy, Stewart Campbell and Gerard McClay.

These appointments will be for four years. Mr Anthony's appointment will run from March 26, 2007 to March 25, 2011. The appointment of Professor Caddy, Mr Campbell and Mr McClay will run from July 1, 2007 until June 30, 2011.

These posts are part-time and attract a remuneration of £240 per day for a time commitment of three to four days per month.

These public appointments were made in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland's Code of Practice.

All 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 (if there is any to be declared) to be made public. The new members have not been involved in political activity in the last five years.

Announcing the appointments, Justice Minister, Cathy Jamieson said "I am very pleased to welcome the appointment of the new members. They are individuals who can bring considerable experience to the Commission. I am confident that each will contribute fully to the Commission's work and help to enhance the reputation of the Commission as a key player in the criminal justice system."

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Robert B. Anthony QC

Mr Robert Brown Anthony, QC is currently in practice at the Scottish Bar principally in the High Court of Justiciary. He was called to the bar in 1988 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2002. His experience within the Scottish legal system is wide-ranging as a defence solicitor, defence Junior Counsel and defence Senior Counsel, representing the Crown from 2001 to 2004 as an Advocate Depute and a Senior Advocate Depute in the High Court of Justiciary. In 2005 Mr Anthony was appointed to the Office of part-time Sheriff attracting a remuneration of £547 per day.

Professor Brian Caddy

Professor Brian Caddy has been a Professor of Forensic Science from 1992 to 1999, (now Emeritus) and was Head of the Forensic Science Unit at Strathclyde University from 1987 to 1999. He was a founder member of the European Network of Forensic Science from 1995 to 1999 and was president of the Forensic Science Society from 1999 to 2001. Professor Caddy was appointed to the executive committee of the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners from 1999 to 2004 and held the position of external assessor for the University of Durham Crime Scene Diploma from 2000 to 2004. Professor Caddy has worked on a number of high profile criminal investigations for governments both at home and abroad and speaks at conferences both nationally and internationally. Professor Caddy currently holds no other public appointments.

Stewart Campbell

Mr Stewart Campbell has been employed by the Health & Safety Executive since 1973 and in 2001 was appointed Health & Safety Executive Director Scotland. In 2005 Mr Campbell was a member of the Expert Group on Corporate Homicide and in 2004/05 was secretary of a European Commission Working Group on the principles of labour inspection. Mr Campbell has been involved in the investigation of high profile fatal accidents both in England and Scotland. He was the HSE's Principal Inspector during the construction of the Channel Tunnel and has recently carried out

audit work in Europe. Mr Campbell is a member of the Advisory Group to the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives, and is a member of the Partnership on Health and Safety in Scotland. Mr Campbell currently holds no other public appointments.

Gerard McClay

Mr Gerard McClay has been a solicitor in private practice for 21 years, dealing mainly with criminal court work. He has been sole practitioner in his own firm for eleven years and has extensive experience in investigating criminal cases. Mr McClay has served on the Glasgow Bar Association Executive Committee since 2002 and was Secretary in 2004/05, Vice President in 2005/06 and President in 2006/07. He now remains involved on an advisory basis as the Immediate Past President. Since 2002 he has been member of the Glasgow Sheriff Court Drug Court Team, working closely with team members in the treatment of offenders to reduce illegal drug dependency and related offending behaviour. Mr McClay currently holds no other public appointments.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission was created by section 194A of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, as inserted by section 25 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997. The Commission's role is to consider alleged miscarriages of justice and if, after proper investigation it believes that i) a miscarriage of justice may have occurred and ii) that it is in the interests of justice that a reference should be made, it may refer a case to the High Court for determination. By statute at least one-third of members must be advocates or solicitors of at least ten years' standing. Two of the new members are legally qualified and two are lay members.

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