

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENT TO THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND

Fiona Hyslop MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, today announced a new appointment as Member of the National Library of Scotland.

The National Library of Scotland is one of the world's leading research libraries with a particular focus on the study of Scotland and the Scots. It is the largest library in Scotland with over 24 million items and is one of the six Legal Deposit Libraries entitled to claim a copy of every printed and electronic work published in the UK and Ireland under the terms of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2013.

Its key priorities take account of its statutory functions of preserving and developing its collections, providing access, encouraging education and research, whilst contributing to the understanding of Scotland's national culture as a country with a rich heritage and a vibrant future.

Core funded by the Scottish Government, it operates within the context of the Scottish Government's national outcomes and strategic objectives, including public service reform. It is governed by a Board which is accountable to the public through Ministers and the Scottish Parliament for the discharging of the functions defined in the National Library of Scotland Act 2012, and for the overall vision, strategy and corporate performance of the Library.

Appointment from Nominations by The Dean of The Faculty of Advocates

Under the 2012 Act, one of the members of the National Library of Scotland Board is appointed by Scottish Ministers from nominations submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Advocates, reflecting the longstanding relationship between the Library and the Faculty and the continuing close relationship between the two.

From the nominations presented to her, Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs has appointed Ruth Crawford QC to the Board of the National Library of Scotland.

Ruth Crawford QC

Admitted as a member of the Faculty of Advocates in 1993, Miss Crawford was appointed Queens Counsel in 2008. She is ranked in Chambers Legal Directory in the areas of Administrative and Public Law, Planning and Environment Law and Public Procurement Law. A member of the Anti-Money Laundering and Finance Committees of the Faculty of Advocates, she was a Curator of the Advocates Library for four years. She is a Board member of the Faculty Dispute Resolution Service

and a member of the Access to Justice Sub-Committee of the Scottish Civil Justice Council.

Appointment

This appointment by nomination was not regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland

This appointment is unremunerated and will run for four years from 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2020 with a time commitment of up to 12 days a year.

Miss Crawford does not hold any other ministerial appointment.

Political Activity

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 within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Miss Crawford has had no political activity in the last five years.