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Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission Member Appointment Extended

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice today announced an extension to the appointment of Frances McMenamin QC as a Member of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

MEMBER

Frances McMenamin QC is the senior woman at the Scottish Bar. She was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in June 1985 after a period of over eight years as a Procurator Fiscal Depute. She practices exclusively in the field of criminal law and although her work is as a defence council, she held the post of Advocate Depute from 1997 until 2000 and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1998. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Strathclyde in 2009 and has been a Board Member of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission since 2010.

EXTENSION

The extension will be for six months and will run from 1 October 2018 to 31 March 2019.

The extension is regulated by the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland.

REMUNERATION

The extension is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £252 per day for a time commitment of four days per month.

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Frances McMenamin QC does not hold any other ministerial public appointments.

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.

Frances McMenamin QC has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

BACKGROUND

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission is a public body which was established in April 1999 by an Act of Parliament.

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.

More information about the Commission can be found on their website at <http://www.sccrc.org.uk/>.