



HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

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Three new non-party-political peers – House of Lords Appointments Commission

Three new non-party-political peers recommended by the independent House of Lords Appointments Commission were announced today.

The new peers are:

- **David Anderson QC**, an expert in EU-related law and human rights who, as Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, influenced law and practice in the fields of counter-terrorism and national security
- **Rosie Boycott** – an expert in food policy, former journalist, Editor and women's rights campaigner
- **Deborah Bull** – a former dancer and leading authority on public engagement with, and the impact of arts, culture and the creative industries.

They will sit on the crossbenches.

Notes to Editors

1. **Media enquiries about the work of the House of Lords Appointments Commission should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.**
2. The House of Lords Appointments Commission is an independent non-statutory advisory body set up by the Prime Minister to make recommendations for non-party-political peerages. The Commission's remit is to find people of distinction who will bring authority and expertise to the House of Lords. The Commission recommends individuals on merit and their ability to contribute effectively to the work of the House.
3. Further information on the Appointments Commission can be obtained from: <http://lordsappointments.independent.gov.uk>
4. **David Anderson** is a self-employed barrister at Brick Court Chambers (QC since 1999). As Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation (2011- 2017), his reports informed the public and influenced the development of the law by Parliament and the courts. He was selected by the three main party leaders to lead a major review of electronic surveillance: his report ("*A Question of Trust*"), and a later report on Bulk Powers, were blueprints for the Investigatory Powers Act 2016. Trained in Washington DC and Brussels, and with core expertise in

European law, public law and human rights, David has appeared almost 200 times before the European Courts, as well as in the full range of English courts and tribunals. He was a Recorder of the Crown Court and serves in Guernsey and in Jersey as a Judge of the Courts of Appeal and Investigatory Powers Commissioner. David is a Visiting Professor at King's College London and General Editor of the Oxford EU Law Library. He writes, broadcasts and lectures around the world on security, extremism and surveillance, as well as on legal topics. He has reported for the Council of Europe on the freedom of the media in Russia, Georgia, Ukraine and Turkey, and has been trustee of a number of educational and charitable bodies.

5. **Rosie Boycott** is a journalist, who also has expertise in all aspects of food policy issues, with particular emphasis on urban food policy, food poverty and obesity issues. Until February 2018 Rosie was Chair of the London Food Board where she led the development of a new London Food Strategy to help the food system to better meet the needs of those living and working in London. Ms Boycott has edited three national newspapers, The Independent, The Independent on Sunday and The Daily Express. She is a women's rights campaigner and co-founded the magazine Spare Rib and the feminist publisher Virago. She has been open about her past problems with alcohol and has written and given talks about her addiction. She is a Trustee of the Hay Literary Festival and has chaired both the Orange Prize and the Samuel Johnson Prize. Born in Jersey, Rosie now lives in London.
6. Born in Derby, **Deborah Bull** was a dancer with The Royal Ballet for over twenty years and has produced and performed for a range of international festivals. Miss Bull has held roles at the Royal Opera House (Creative Director), King's College London (Director, Cultural Partnerships and Assistant Principal for London) and governance positions at Arts Council England, the Arts & Humanities Research Council and the BBC. She is currently Vice President & Vice-Principal (London) at King's College London, providing leadership for the university's ambitions to be a civic university at the heart of London and to help ensure the health, wellbeing and success of the city and its communities. Deborah is also the author of four books and has been a regular presenter and writer of programmes on television and radio. In January 2015, as Director of Cultural Partnerships at King's, she launched 'Step by Step', a 70-year analysis of arts policy for young people. In July 2017, she worked with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, Health & Wellbeing on its '*Creative Health*' report. Other recently published reports include '*The art of soft power: A study of cultural diplomacy at the UN Office in Geneva*' in October 2017 and '*Improving Places: Culture and Business Improvement District Partnerships*' in November 2017. She has received honorary doctorates from five universities and in 1998 was awarded a CBE for services to the arts.
7. The House of Lords Appointments Commission has now recommended a total of 70 non-party-political peerages (since 2000) to the Prime Minister, drawn from well over 5,200 nominations.
8. The Commission last recommended non-party-political peers in October 2015.
9. The Commission also vets nominations for life peers, including those nominated by the UK political parties, for propriety.
10. The membership of the House of Lords Appointments Commission comprises four independent members: Lord (Ajay) Kakkar (Chairman), Lord (Colin) Low, Sir Malcolm Ross and Gillian Peele and three members nominated by each of the

three main political parties: Rt Hon Lord (David) Clark of Windermere (Labour), Rt Hon Lord Howard of Lympne (Conservative) and Baroness Scott of Needham Market (Liberal Democrat). The Chairman and independent members were selected through open competition.