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Members Appointed to the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission

Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Mr Yousaf, today announced the appointment of Alex Quinn, Carol Gammie and Laura Reilly as Members of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission

MEMBER

Alex Quinn is a consultant forensic psychiatrist based in the Orchard Clinic, Edinburgh. He has responsibility for inpatients in a medium secure unit, and provides input to the Serious Offender Glasgow Service, a service providing consultation and assessment to complex cases. Presenting to the Police and Criminal Justice Social work, he is also the psychiatrist to Veterans First Point Lothian. Alex brings a knowledge of mental health, mental health legislation and the interface between mental illness and the law to the Commission.

Carol Gammie is a solicitor, trained with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal service before practising criminal defence in Kilmarnock for a number of years, latterly as a partner of Allan Kerr Solicitors. She has recently completed five years international practice at the United Nations in the Hague, initially with the office of legal aid and defence at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), and subsequently with the Office of the Prosecutor on the Radovan Karadzic case and on the retrial of Stanislav Simatovic at the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal tribunals (IRMCT).

Laura Reilly became a solicitor once graduating from the University of Glasgow in 1983. She called at the Bar, becoming counsel in 2006. Laura's principal areas of practice both as a solicitor and as an advocate are criminal law and family law.

APPOINTMENT

The appointment will be for four years and will run from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2023 for Alex Quinn and Laura Reilly. Carol Gammie's appointment will run from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2023..

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

REMUNERATION

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

OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS

Alex Quinn, Carol Gammie and Laura reilly do not hold any other 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.

Alex Quinn, Carol Gammie and Laura Reilly have had no political activity in the past 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/>.