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**Extension to the Appointment of a Member of the Board of Quality Meat Scotland**

In March 2021, Ministers agreed to an extension to the appointment of Louise Welsh as a Member of the Board of Quality Meat Scotland (QMS).

**Extension**

Louise Welsh had a lengthy career in journalism, including 10 years at BBC Scotland. She was also Head of Communications at QMS and helped establish its work in health and education. Ms Welsh has over 10 years’ experience of working in the food industry.

The extension is regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

**Length of Term, Remuneration and Time Commitment**

The extension to Ms Welsh’s appointment took effect from 1 April 2021 and will run until 31 August 2021. Members of the Board of QMS receive £180.00 per day. Ms Welsh’s time commitment for the extension will be ten days.

**Other Ministerial Appointments**

Ms Welsh does not hold any other Ministerial 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.

Ms Welsh has had no political activity in the last five years.

**Quality Meat Scotland**

QMS is responsible for the promotion and protection of three of Scotland’s most iconic food brands; Scotch Beef PGI, Scotch Lamb PGI and Specially Selected Pork. These brands are underpinned by our own unique whole of chain and whole of life assurance schemes offering traceability, brand integrity and world class levels of quality assurance. The QMS Board is comprised of a diverse mix of high calibre individuals, passionate about the future of the Scottish Red Meat Sector.