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**Chair Reappointed to the Board of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited**

The Minister for Transport, Graeme Day, today announced the reappointment of Lorna Jack as Chair of the Board of the Highlands and Islands Airports Limited.

Lorna Jack is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, and a graduate of the University of Aberdeen. Since February 2019 she been Chair of the Board of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited, having served it as a Non-Executive Director, Audit Committee Chair and Interim Chair. She has served as a member of the Scottish Funding Council since November 2018 and is a member of its Finance Committee. She was previously a member of the Court of the University of Aberdeen. Ms Jack is Trustee and Treasurer of the charity, the McConnell International Foundation and has been Chief Executive of the Law Society of Scotland, the professional body for Scottish Solicitors, since January 2009, leading the organisation through a program of modernisation and reform. She will retire from this role at the end of 2021.

**Reappointment**

This reappointment will be for three years and will run from 1 February 2022 to 28 January 2025.

This reappointment is regulated by the **Ethical Standards Commissioner.**

**Time Commitment and Remuneration**

The Chair of the Board receives £330.00 per day for a time commitment of six days per month.

**Other Ministerial Appointments**

Ms Jack is a Member of the Scottish Funding Council for which she receives £336.00 per day for a time commitment of three days per month.

**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 Jack has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

**Background**

Highlands and Islands Airports Limited (HIAL) is responsible for the management and operation of 11 regional airports serving some of the nation’s remotest communities: at Barra, Benbecula, Campbeltown, Dundee, Inverness, Islay, Kirkwall, Stornoway, Sumburgh, Tiree and Wick John O’Groats.

Working with their stakeholders, HIAL are committed to supporting the essential socio-economic role of aviation in Scotland by maintaining and developing the airports and the vital connections they provide.

As a private limited company wholly owned by the Scottish Ministers, HIAL receives subsidies from the Scottish Government in accordance with section 34 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and is sponsored by Transport Scotland – Aviation, Maritime, Freight and Canals Directorate.