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**Members Appointed to Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission**

The Cabinet Secretary for Justice and Veterans, Keith Brown MSP, has today announced the appointments of Gillian Mawdsley and Jacqueline Fordyce as Members of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission.

**MEMBERS**

**Gillian Mawdsley** is a practising Scottish solicitor with a range of experience that spans private and public sector coupled with teaching at various universities. Her public sector experience includes working for a number of Scottish criminal justice organisations including secondment to Scottish Government and work on policy at the Law Society of Scotland. With that wide ranging background, she brings knowledge and understanding of all aspects of criminal law and the importance to the process and rule of law to seek to avoid miscarriages of justice. She has a firm grounding in governance and accountability which from committee experience can support the SCCRC in its role.

**Jacqueline Fordyce** is an Advocate who was called to the Bar in 2016, having previously practised as a litigation solicitor in Edinburgh. She has experience assisting the senior judiciary in respect of domestic and international criminal appeals, as a former law clerk to the Lord Justice Clerk in the High Court of the Justiciary in Scotland, and as a visiting professional in the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. She is a contributing editor of The Laws of Scotland: Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia and a reporter for Session Cases law reports. She has governance experience as a past council member of The WS Society, a council member of The Stair Society, and a board member of The Howard League for Penal Reform in Scotland. She also has appellate case management experience as registrar of the Upper Tribunal (Administrative Appeals Chamber) in Scotland.

**APPOINTMENT**

These appointments will be for four years and will run from 1 July 2021 until

31 June 2025.

These appointments are regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

**REMUNERATION**

These appointments are part-time and attract a maximum annual remuneration of £12,192 for a time commitment of up to 4 days per month.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Mrs Mawdsley is a non-executive board member for the NHS Education for Scotland Board for which she receives approximately £8,000 per annum for a time commitment of 8 hours a week. She is also a lay member of the SACDA Board for which she receives £100 per day for a time commitment of 3 days a year.

Ms Fordyce 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.

Mrs Mawdsley and Ms Fordyce have had no political activity within 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/>.