



## **PARLIAMENT AGREES REAPPOINTMENT OF STANDARDS COMMISSIONER**

On 16 March 2006, Members of the Scottish Parliament voted in favour of a motion to reappoint the current Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner, Dr Jim Dyer, whose present three-year term in office ends on 31 March 2006.

In February 2006, the Presiding Officer George Reid MSP, members of the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body and an independent assessor sat on a reappointment board which interviewed Dr Dyer.

The board took the decision that the commissioner was suitable for reappointment and recommended that Parliament agree Dr Dyer should continue in his post for a second term.

The Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner Act 2002 provides that the Commissioner shall be appointed by the SPCB with the agreement of the Parliament for a period of up to five years and may be reappointed once.

Responding to news of his reappointment Dr Dyer said: *'I have enjoyed the challenges of my first term as the first Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner.'*

*I am pleased to be given the opportunity to build on my experience in a second term and to go on contributing, as an independent investigator, to the maintenance of public trust in our politicians. I am conscious of the public responsibility carried by the role - democracy cannot function without public trust and confidence in elected members.'*

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