

Press release: Change of British High Commissioner to Malaysia in April 2019

Mr Charles Hay MVO has been appointed British High Commissioner to Malaysia in succession to Ms Vicki Treadell CMG MVO. Mr Hay will take up his appointment in April 2019.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Full name: Charles Hay

Married to: Pascale Sutherland

Children: Two daughters

2015 to 2018 Seoul, Her Majesty's Ambassador

2011 to 2014 FC0, Director, Consular Services

2009 to 2011 FC0, Assistant Director, HR Services, Human Resources Directorate

2006 to 2009 Madrid, Deputy Head of Mission and Counsellor (Political and Economic Affairs)

2004 to 2006 FC0, Head, G8 Presidency Team

1999 to 2004 Brussels, First Secretary (Economic and Finance), UK Permanent Representation to the European Union

1998 to 1999 FC0, Press Officer

1996 to 1998 Prague, Second Secretary (Press and Political)

1993 to 1995 FC0, Desk Officer, Security Policy Department

1987 to 1993 British Army, Captain, the Gordon Highlanders. Service including in Northern Ireland, Berlin, Cyprus, Falklands

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[News story: Dounreay takes top safety award](#)

The team responsible for decommissioning the former fast reactor research site in Caithness lifted the trophy for best safety programme at an event in London last week. It comes in a year when the organisation has achieved its lowest total recordable incident rate since records began and just weeks after marking 12 months since a lost accident.

[Dounreay safety film](#)

Dounreay was put forward for the award by Babcock subsidiary Cavendish Nuclear which, as one of 3 companies forming the Cavendish Dounreay Partnership parent body organisation, is responsible for decommissioning the site on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA).

Phil Craig, Dounreay Managing Director, said:

These awards are a way of acknowledging the best of the best within a group made up of more than 35,000 staff operating across multiple countries. I am incredibly proud that our team stood alongside and beat very worthy finalists, not only from the nuclear sector, but others including aviation, land and marine.

It recognises that the team has not only maintained its focus on safety and compliance while delivering some of the most complex and challenging clean-up projects, but also that it is continuously improving.

Chief Nuclear Officer Steve Beckitt, who collected the award, added:

This success belongs to everyone at Dounreay. We have worked hard to improve processes but this is really about everyone being committed to our aspiration that everyone should go home safe every day.

Alan Cumming, Director of Nuclear Operations at the NDA, said:

Safety comes first when delivering the decommissioning mission across the NDA Group. It is good to see the workforce at Dounreay being recognised for the excellent work they have done in the last year to keep focused on safety, continuously improve and achieve estate leading results.

Dounreay's total recordable incident rate, an internationally recognised scale for recording safety performance, currently stands at 0.04 – the lowest since records began in 2009. Steve said:

We are proud of the award but this is a continuous journey and our aim is zero. Our programme will get even more challenging with nuclear operations, waste management, construction and demolition projects all running alongside each other. It is vital that we remain focused so that we can decommission the site safely and compliantly, not only to meet our commitments to our customer and regulators, but because we want to be an organisation where safety comes first, always.

[Press release: £2 million for councils to crackdown on rogue landlords](#)

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Whilst the majority of landlords provide decent homes for their tenants, a small minority continue to break the law and offer inadequate or unsafe housing – including to young families and others who are vulnerable to exploitation.

Councils will be able to bid for funding to step up enforcement action against irresponsible landlords who make tenants' lives a misery and to develop and test innovative ways to clamp down on squalid accommodation.

Today's news builds on government action to drive up standards in the private rented sector – ensuring millions of hard-working tenants get the homes they deserve and creating a housing market that works for everyone.

Housing Minister, Heather Wheeler, MP said:

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is vital we crack down on the small minority of landlords who are not giving their tenants this security.

This funding will help further strengthen councils' powers to tackle rogue landlords and ensure that poor-quality homes in their area are improved, making the housing market fairer for everyone.

Local authorities already have strong powers to require landlords to make necessary improvements to a property and can use a range of measures, including fines and banning orders, to tackle rogue landlords.

The new funding will be used to support a range of projects that councils have said will help them to ramp up action against criminal landlords – for example, to build relationships with external organisations such as the emergency services, legal services and local housing advocates.

Councils may also decide to support tenants to take action against poor standards through rent repayment orders, or develop digital solutions, helping officers to report back and make decisions quicker.

The money will also be used to encourage councils to share best practice of enforcement action and examples of innovative approaches that are self-sustaining and can be easily adapted to other parts of the country.

Further information

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The fund will help councils take on the most common challenges that stand in the way of tackling poor standards in the private rented sector, including:

- the need for better information – on housing stock and on landlords and agents operating in their areas
- data sharing between authorities and agencies – identifying and bringing together different data sets to enable better enforcement targeting
- internal 'ways of working' – improving housing-specific legal expertise, in-house communication between teams, and tools and strategies to effectively implement policy
- innovative software – for enforcement officers to record their findings, gather evidence and streamline the enforcement process

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[Press release: Knight Grand Cross conferred on Sir Jeremy Heywood](#)

The Queen has been graciously pleased to approve that the honour of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath be conferred upon Jeremy John, The Lord Heywood of Whitehall, K.C.B., C.V.O.

Notes for Editors

On the Tuesday 30th October, Lord Heywood of Whitehall was invested as Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath. Lord Heywood accepted this honour on behalf of the whole Civil Service which he was so proud to have led.

Sir Jeremy Heywood was appointed Cabinet Secretary following the announcement of Sir Gus O’Donnell’s retirement in December 2011. From September 2014 Jeremy also took on the title Head of the Civil Service. Prior to that, Sir Jeremy Heywood was Permanent Secretary to two successive Prime Ministers at 10 Downing Street. He also spent over three years as a Managing Director including as co-head of the UK Investment Banking Division at Morgan Stanley. Before joining Morgan Stanley, Sir Jeremy Heywood occupied a range of senior civil service roles, including as Principal Private Secretary to the Prime Minister (1999–2003).

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