

News story: The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport appoints two new Members to the Board of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority (SGSA)

Dr Rimla Akhtar MBE became the first Muslim and Asian woman on the FA Council in 2014, in addition to her role on the Inclusion Advisory Board at the FA, and in 2015 was awarded an MBE for her contribution to equality and diversity in sport. She is a developer, communicator and strategist best known for her work as an Inclusion and Diversity specialist in sport, which led to her being ranked 15th in the 2015 list of The Independent's Most Influential Women in Sport. Rimla has over 17 years' experience in the sports industry across the UK, Middle East and Asia as well as a number of accolades to her name, including most recently the Sky Sports and Sunday Times Sportswomen of the Year Community Award in 2013. Her strategic and boardroom roles include being Independent Director and Trustee of Kick It Out, and Council Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland.

Janet Johnson is a chartered town planner by background, having specialised in regeneration and economic development in the North East of England. In a local government career spanning almost 40 years, Janet has enjoyed senior management positions for a number of councils. She is an experienced board member, having served on the boards of a number of organisations in the education and development sectors. In addition to being a specialist in regeneration Janet is experienced in modernising local government, managing change and driving service improvement. Janet was Chief Executive of District of Easington Council from 2004 to 2009 before moving to Sunderland City Council as Deputy Chief Executive where she led the Council's major regeneration programme. Janet took early retirement in 2015. She is married with three children and is a keen follower of football and cricket.

The roles are remunerated at £265 per day. This appointment has been made in accordance with the Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments. The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. Rimla and Janet have declared no such political activity.

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Taking together all of the evidence for all of the trips, I am satisfied that there are no credible or plausible explanations for the existence of the diary or the inconsistencies between the diary and the log. On each contentious trip there is a clear incentive to misrecord.

A spokesperson for the MMO said:

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News story: Police and National Crime Agency Remuneration Review Bodies – members

Do you want to play a leading role in advising the government on a range of issues relating to police pay and conditions?

Remuneration: remuneration is £300 per day along with reimbursement for reasonable travel and subsistence costs.

Number of roles: 3

Time commitment: The expected time commitment is around 20 days per annum.

The Police and National Crime Agency Remuneration Review Bodies were established in 2014, and provide independent advice to the government on police pay and conditions and pay of National Crime Agency (NCA) officers with operational powers. These roles will provide an influential and intellectually stimulating challenge for the right individuals contributing to recruiting, retaining and motivating an effective police and NCA workforce.

Membership is of both Review Bodies. There are currently 5 members possessing a range of capabilities and we are looking to develop the team with 3 new members:

- 1 with strategic level experience of and expertise in economics in the academic and/or business world
- 1 with significant experience in staff representation
- 1 with experience in policing

As a member, you would have responsibility for working corporately to assess the evidence and develop our recommendations to the government. You would also need to share our commitment to making the bodies a success in supporting the recruitment, retention and motivation of these most vital public services at a time of significant reform.

You will also have a high level of analytical ability, strong communication skills to engage with a wide range of stakeholders, and an understanding of the issues facing complex organisations.

These appointments will be for a period of 3 years with the possibility of re-appointment.

Further information and details of [how to apply](#)

The closing date for applications is midnight on Sunday 29 October.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity

for all and appointments made on merit.

[Press release: Think global and export – Welsh Secretary's message to manufacturers in Wales](#)

Manufacturers in Wales must think global and capitalise on the opportunities presented by overseas markets. That will be the message from the Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns when he addresses representatives of leading manufacturing companies in south Wales today (Monday 9 October).

Speaking at the Barclays Welsh Manufacturing event at SPTS Technologies in Newport, Mr Cairns will say that the “world leading skills and knowledge we have here in Wales is envied the world over”. He will also call on Welsh manufacturers of all sizes to seize the support available from the UK Government to identify opportunities to sell their products in global markets.

The manufacturing sector in Wales is made up of over 5,000 companies, employing around 150,000 people. And the sector is growing with 22,000 more jobs in the sector in Wales than in 2010.

The Secretary of State will take the opportunity to call for closer collaboration between the sector and the two governments in Wales to help address the challenges the sector faces, including resourcing a skilled workforce and the wider economic challenge of productivity.

He will say:

The close relationship between industry and government stand only to benefit manufacturers in Wales. I want Wales and the wider UK to be the best place in the world to do business – and I want the UK Government and Welsh Government to provide as much support as possible for companies in achieving this aim.

With the fourth round of EU exit negotiations underway, the UK Government is stepping up its engagement with businesses across the UK to ensure the voices of British businesses are heard and reflected throughout the exit process.

Mr Cairns added:

Today's event gives me another great opportunity to hear about

various businesses' priorities for our EU exit.

We are absolutely committed to achieving a deal which works for every region in the UK which is why it is vital that we continue to speak with businesses and organisations from across the country to ensure their views are fully represented as we move through the negotiations.

Notes to editors:

- The UK Government has developed the Wales Export Guide – a document that sets out the full range of support available to Welsh businesses from the UK Government and contains inspiring stories of companies based in Wales that are successfully exporting.
- You can download a copy of the guide [here](#)