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[Member reappointed to the Prison Service Pay Review Body](#)

News story

The Secretary of State for Justice has announced the reappointment of Leslie Manasseh MBE as member of the Prison Service Pay Review Body.



The Lord Chancellor, Rt Hon. Robert Buckland QC, has announced the reappointment of Leslie Manasseh MBE as a member of the Prison Service Pay Review Body (PSPRB) for a term of 1 year. This term commenced on 17 August 2021 and will run until 16 August 2022.

PSPRB provides the government with independent advice on the remuneration of operational prison staff in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, as set out in The Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001 No. 1161).

Appointments and reappointments to PSPRB are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. This reappointment has been made in line with the Commissioner's Code of Practice for Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies.

Public appointments to PSPRB are made by the Prime Minister.

Leslie Manasseh MBE

Mr Manasseh has been a member of PSPRB since 2015. Prior to this he was the Deputy General Secretary of Prospect, a trade union of 150,000 specialists, professionals and managers across the private and public sector between 2010 and 2015. The majority of his career prior to this was spent in Connect (formerly the Society of Telecom Executives), initially as the National Organiser and Director of Organisation and Development followed by eight years as the Deputy General Secretary. He was also the President of the TUC from September 2014 to September 2015, having previously been a general council member since 2002.

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[Open consultation: Labelling for animal welfare: call for evidence](#)

Seeking evidence on the impacts of potential animal welfare labelling.

[Independent panel to be created to review complaints against CAA decision process](#)

- new independent panel created to enhance the decision-making work of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)
- panel will support the aviation sector in maintaining trust in the UK's high-level safety standards and global reputation in regulatory

standards

- it will be made up of non-aviation experts in decision-making procedures to enhance the work of the CAA

The Department for Transport (DfT), working in collaboration with the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), has today (13 September 2021) announced its intention to create a new independent panel to strengthen transparency around decision-making and drive forward best practice regulatory processes at the CAA.

The panel will sit outside of the CAA and will be available to review complaints made by individuals about the process by which the CAA has made decisions that affect them. It will be open to individuals whose cases meet a certain threshold if they remain unsatisfied following the CAA's internal two-stage complaints processes.

Eligible complaints will cover licensing and certification decisions, such as those following an airspace infringement or the decision to suspend a licence or endorsement to an instructor or examiner.

The panel will consider whether the CAA correctly followed its processes and procedures in arriving at a decision. It will have the power to remit the case back to the CAA where it investigates and considers the CAA has not done this.

An important aspect of the UK and international aviation safety system is that the regulatory authority has the responsibility for safety-related decisions. Therefore, the CAA will remain the ultimate decision-maker.

However, in the exceptional event that the CAA chooses not to reconsider a case process in light of a recommendation to do so from the panel, it will need to explain its rationale to the complainant, the panel and the Minister for Aviation.

Aviation Minister Robert Courts said:

Our world-leading safety standards and training are what sets us apart and this new panel will provide greater strength, clarity and assurance on decisions that affect individuals working in the aviation sector.

It's thanks to the exemplary work of our Civil Aviation Authority that we have such highly regarded standards and this panel will help bolster our shared aims around open and effective decision-making.

The DfT is responsible for setting up and recruiting the new panel. It will be made up of people with expertise in investigative processes and procedures.

To ensure it is considered truly independent, panel members will not be expected to be aviation experts and will need to be independent of both the CAA and those individuals or sectors that have an interest in the decision.

Sir Stephen Hillier, Chair of the UK CAA, said:

We welcome plans to create an independent panel to review how the CAA has made decisions that affect individuals.

As the UK's independent aviation safety regulator, we sometimes need to make tough decisions that can impact the livelihoods and interests of people across the aviation sector.

The expectation is that only a handful of cases will come before the panel following our internal processes, but having this independent channel available outside of the CAA is important.

We always strive to make decisions properly and with safety interests to the fore, but this additional layer of review will add more transparency and should build further trust between the CAA and those that we license.

The panel process will be open to eligible decisions taken after the formal establishment of the body. DfT will be publishing more details on the timescales for launching the panel, as well as the public appointment process in due course.