Reappointment of non-executive member of the Independent Monitoring Authority

News story

The Lord Chancellor has re-appointed Punam Birly as a non-executive member of the Independent Monitoring Authority.



The Secretary of State has re-appointed Punam Birly as a non-executive member of the Independent Monitoring Authority (IMA) for a tenure of three years. Her appointment will commence on 8 December 2022 and will run until 7 December 2025.

Punam Birly biography

Punam Birly is Director of Global Employment at global energy services provider Petrofac Services Limited. She was appointed as non-executive member of the IMA on 8 December 2020.

Ms Birly was a Partner at KPMG LLP (UK) from 2008 to 2020. She was Head of Employment and Immigration within the Tax and Legal Services Practice, and the lead on People related Brexit issues. She is a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales and previously worked in various expatriate tax, legal and reward roles at Andersen, Deloitte and PwC.

Independent Monitoring Authority for the Citizens' Rights Agreements

The IMA was established under the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (EUWAA). Under the provisions set out in EUWAA, the IMA has the power to receive complaints, launch inquiries and initiate or intervene in legal proceedings. The IMA also has a duty to review the effectiveness of the legislative framework relating to citizens' rights. In exercising its functions, the IMA must have regard to the importance of dealing with general or systemic issues in the implementation and application of citizen' rights.

Appointments and re-appointments to the IMA are run in line with the process set out in the Governance Code on Public Appointments.

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