

The Secretary of State has reappointed John Wood and Peter Gooderham as Members of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives

News story

John Wood and Peter Gooderham have been reappointed by the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport as Members of the Advisory Council on National Records and Archives for a four year period from 22 January 2021 to 21 January 2025.



John Wood joined Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills LLP), the city and international law firm, in 1972 and was a partner from 1982 to 2007. From 2008 to 2014 he was a legal board member of the Charity Commission for England and Wales and its interim chair in 2012. He continued as a board consultant to the Charity Commission from 2014 to 2017. He was a member of the Advisory Council on Business Appointments from 2015 to 2020. He has a long standing interest in early 20th century literature and journalism.

Peter served as a British diplomat for 30 years, and retired from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in April 2013. His last overseas position was as UK Ambassador to the UN and WTO in Geneva, from 2008-2012. On return from Geneva, he was seconded to the Ministry of Justice as its International Director in 2012. Peter was appointed as a member of the Senior Directing Staff at the Royal College of Defence Studies in October 2013. In April 2014 he left RCDS to take on the position of Director of the International Chamber of Commerce (UK). He returned to RCDS, in the same position, from October 2015-September 2017, and then again from September 2018 – July 2020.

These roles are remunerated at £386 per day. These reappointments have been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#), the process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is

declared. This is defined as holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. John Wood and Peter Gooderham have not declared any activity.

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