

**Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure
and Reform**



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28 November, 2011

Mr. Ronan Lenihan,
Clerk to the Committee on Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,
Houses of the Oireachtas,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Ronan,


I refer to Government policy in relation to appointments to State Boards.

The term of office of one of the directors of the National Lottery Company, Mr. Donal Connell, expired on 5 November 2011. The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr. Brendan Howlin TD has given his consent to the extension of Mr. Connell's term of office as a director and as Chairman of the Company until 28 February 2012 (under the National Lottery Act 1986, four of the directors, including the chairman, are nominated by An Post and appointed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform).

The purpose of the extension is to allow sufficient time for Mr. Connell to appear before the Committee on Finance and Public Expenditure prior to the Minister giving his consent to Mr. Connell's appointment as Chairman of the National Lottery Company by the Board of An Post until end June 2013 (when the Licence to operate the National Lottery expires).

I would be grateful if you would let me know if either 20th December 2011 or 21 December 2011 would be a suitable date for Mr. Connell's appearance before the Committee.

Yours sincerely,


Sue Blood
Assistant Principal Officer

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