

# Secretary of State announces the extension of NIO Lead Non-Executive Board Member

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**The Secretary of State has announced an extension to the term of Mr Leslie Philpott as the Lead Non-Executive Board Member for the Northern Ireland Office.**

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Right Honourable Hilary Benn MP, has announced an extension to the term of Mr Leslie Philpott as the Lead Non-Executive Board Member for the Northern Ireland Office.

The appointment is for a short time-limited period of six months, ending on 31 March 2027.

## Biography

Les Philpott is Chair of the Board of the Government Actuary's Department, Chair of the Marine Management Organisation and a Non-Executive Director of Benenden Healthcare Society Ltd. His previous non-executive experience includes serving as Chair of the educational charity, NEBOSH, and as a NED at Mid-Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Les formerly held the role of CEO at the Office for Nuclear Regulation and previously held senior leadership roles at the Health and Safety Executive.

## Terms of Appointment

- The extension is part-time for a six month period, ending on 31 March 2027.
- The position attracts a fixed remuneration of £15,000 per annum for a commitment of approximately 20 days per year.
- The positions are not pensionable.

## Political Activity

Non-Executive Board members are appointed on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity in defined categories to be made public.

Mr Leslie Philpott has declared that he has not been politically active in the last five years.

## Regulation

Appointments to the role of Non-Executive Board Members to the Northern Ireland Office are regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

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