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Mr Jeremy Peat

BBC Governor for Scotland and Trustee-Designate

“After the Governors: the role of the BBC's new Trustees”

Eileen Mackay, Chairman of The David Hume Institute said “In this seminar Jeremy Peat, Scottish National Governor of the BBC since January 2005 and Scottish Trustee Designate, will talk about the new structure for governing and regulating the BBC that comes into being on 1st January 2007. As one of the only four Governors making the transition to Trustee, and current Chair of the BBC Audit Committee, Jeremy is exceptionally well placed to explain the new governance structure and to discuss how this will affect the interests of licence fee payers and other stakeholders in the BBC, both UK-wide and with specific reference to Scotland.

The new BBC Charter places increased emphasis on accountability for this £3 billion pa turnover institution. How will the new set up ensure that this is delivered across the UK and how will the interests of Scottish licence fee payers be safe-guarded? With the whole broadcasting map constantly changing and digital switch-over approaching, it is clearly essential that the new model for the BBC proves ‘fit for purpose’. ”

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Gordon Downie, a partner specialising in competition and regulation with Shepherd and Wedderburn said “As a leading UK law firm with a close interest in the governance and regulation of institutions such as the BBC, we are delighted to have this opportunity to collaborate with the David Hume Institute”.

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Jeremy Peat is BBC Governor for Scotland and Trustee-Designate.

He was Group Chief Economist at the RBS Group from early 1993 until March 2005. In addition to his BBC role he is now Director of the David Hume Institute and a member of the Competition Commission. He also writes columns for the Herald newspaper, Edinburgh’s Capital Review and Holyrood magazine.

Jeremy is a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland, an Honorary Professor at Heriot Watt University and a Visiting Professor at Edinburgh University.

Notes to Editors:

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