



**Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern  
Ireland**

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## **COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SAYS WE MUST LEARN FROM TODAY'S PAC REPORT**

Felicity Huston, Northern Ireland's Commissioner for Public Appointments said today:

“The PAC has issued a scathing report on what went on in the Emerging Business Trust and we must learn from it.

However, things are different now – conflicts of interest are rigorously probed in any interview for a public appointment. This is best practice and should go on in any similar situation.

No one appointed to a public body should be in any doubt about conflicts of this sort.

Those who do the selecting should be equally aware.

My Office now issues a guide on conflicts of interest to all quango candidates.”

### Notes for Editors

Felicity Huston was appointed Northern Ireland's Commissioner for Public Appointments in August 2005. She is the first local person to hold the post and combines the post with running her own business.

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