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Committee announces appointment to rail passengers organisation

The Enterprise, Innovation and Networks Committee has announced that Stella Thomas is the National Assembly appointment to the Board of Passenger Focus, a new Great Britain-wide body set up to help improve railways.

Christine Gwyther AM, Chair of the Committee, said: "The Committee attaches great importance to the role of Passenger Focus and the work of its members. Passenger Focus's remit will be to act as a rail passenger organisation that secures improvements to services, provides help, advice and information to customers; helps form and develop the main policies, procedures and regulation of matters affecting rail passengers; and function as a national campaigning and lobbying organisation, with more emphasis than its predecessor organisation on research and publishing. The Committee very much looks forward to Mrs Thomas's contribution as a member of Passenger Focus."

This appointment will be for three years and runs from May 2006 to May 2009.

Notes to editors:

Passenger Focus is the operating name for the new Rail Passengers Council (RPC) is established under the terms of the Railways Act 2005 as an executive NDPB sponsored by the Department for Transport. The Board of the organisation will comprise up to twelve part-time members appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, with one additional member nominated by the Scottish Executive, the London Assembly and the National Assembly for Wales.

Stella Thomas is a freelance Communications/Media Consultant with experience at Board level in the public and private sectors, mainly in Wales. She has extensive bilingual experience at senior level in the fields of: tourism, marketing, communications, corporate affairs and television regulation.

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