**Commissioner / Committee member declaration of interests**

Name

Lesley Sawers

Role

Commissioner, Chair of Scotland Committee

Part 1: Biography

Please provide concise (max 130 words) and objective biographical details for publication on the Commission's website, and elsewhere.

Lesley is currently a non-executive director of Crosswinds Developments Ltd and a Trustee of Age Scotland. She is also a Director of GenAnalytics Ltd, a specialist analytical and market insights consultancy. Previously Lesley was Vice Principal and Pro Vice Chancellor for Business, Enterprise and Innovation at Glasgow Caledonian University, Chief Executive of the Scottish Council for Development and Industry and Deputy Chair of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency. She has also held senior executive positions at Scottish Power plc, Royal Mail, CACI Inc and VisitScotland. She is also a past Trustee and Chair of Action for Children (Scotland), Chair of the Royal Mail Advisory Board Scotland and Chair of the Scottish Cities Alliance.

Part 2: Relevant pecuniary interests

Please list your or close family members' or associates’ relevant pecuniary interests. These might include:

1. any business interests (for example your employment, trade, profession, contracts, or any company with which they are associated); and
2. any wider financial interests (for example trust funds, investments, and assets including land and property);
3. sponsorship or payments for specific activities not covered in (a) or (b) (e.g.one-off speaking engagements, or study tours).

which may have a direct bearing on the business of the Commission, or which a fair minded person might reasonably think could influence your judgment.

Director, GenAnalytics Ltd (Company number SC518687)

Non-executive director, Crosswinds Developments Ltd (Company number **SC571746)**

Part 3: Relevant non-pecuniary interests

Please list your or close family members' or associates’ relevant non-pecuniary interests. These might include membership or active involvement with any:

1. public bodies
2. political parties
3. campaigning groups
4. professional and trade bodies
5. charities and other voluntary and community sector bodies

which, even if not remunerated, may have a direct bearing on the business of the Commission, or which a fair minded person might reasonably think could influence your judgment.

Trustee, Age Scotland

Honorary Professor, Glasgow Caledonian University

Ken McQuarrie, BBC Director of nations and regions is known to a family member.

Part 4: Gifts and hospitality

Please confirm by completing and returning the attached Gifts and Hospitality form (Appendix A) details of any of any gifts, hospitality or favours you have received or provided that may be related to your membership of the Commission’s Board or Committees.

1. You should include details of the person(s) or organisation(s) offering or in receipt of the gift, hospitality, or favour, the date, the purpose or object of the offer and the reason why the gift, hospitality or favour was or was not accepted
2. You do not normally need to include:
* hospitality received which is implicitly registered by the declarations of interest in Parts 1 and 2 (for example if you have declared that you are a director of a campaigning group, you do not need additionally to declare all gifts and hospitality received while working in that capacity);
* isolated gifts of a trivial character or inexpensive seasonal gifts (e.g. trade calendars) valued up to £25:00
* conventional hospitality associated with routine Commission business (for example refreshments provided during a meeting with stakeholders).

Part 5: Version Control and updates [Officer Use Only]

This declaration was updated on 10 February 2021 to reflect that Lesley is a non-executive director Crosswinds Developments Ltd (previously incorrectly listed as Executive Director) and has stepped down as a Community Councillor for Claythorn, Glasgow.