

Northern Lighthouse Board

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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your email dated 31st January 2012 in which you asked:

1. When the following three public figures/servants were first secured by your organisation and when, if ever, they left your organisation:
 - The Rt. Hon. Elish Angiolini, QC. WS.
 - Sheriff Principal Edward Bowen CBE. TD. QC
 - Frank Mulholland QC.

I thought it would be helpful to begin with a little background about how the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses were established.

The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses were established as a corporate body in 1786 and is set out in Section 193 of and Schedule 8 to the [Merchant Shipping Act 1995](#). The Commissioners consist of:

- (a) The Lord Advocate and the Solicitor General for Scotland
- (b) The Lords Provost of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen, and the conveners of the Councils for Highland, and Argyll and Bute Councils;
- (c) The Sheriffs Principal of all the Sheriffdoms in Scotland;
- (d) A person nominated by the Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man and appointed by the Secretary of State;

In addition, the Commissioners may elect:

- (e) Not more than five other persons elected by the Commissioners under, and subject to, the proviso set forth in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 to the Act;
- (f) The Convener of any council whose area includes any part of the coast of Scotland.

For the safety of all

Elish Angiolini, Edward Bowen and Frank Mulholland were/are Commissioners of the Northern Lighthouse Board by virtue of their office under (a) and (c) above. Their appointment as Commissioner is for the duration of the occupancy of the qualifying office. The start and end dates are as follows:

	Start Date	End date
Elish Angiolini	5 December 2001	5 May 2011
Edward Bowen	17 November 1997	6 May 2011
Frank Mulholland	30 May 2007	In post

2. Were/are any or all of the three named people above ever paid for their services in their capacity of 'Commissioner' or any other role or was/is their involvement with the Northern Lighthouse Board strictly voluntary? Please note, I am not asking for the amount they were paid, simply if they were or not at any time in any capacity.

Only Commissioners under (d) and (e) receive remuneration. The individuals named did not receive a salary but they are entitled to reclaim travel and subsistence costs at the same rates and under the same regulations that apply to employees.

Further information on our Commissioners can be found in our [Annual Report and Accounts](#) which are published on our website. I hope you find this interesting if you are not already aware of it.

If you are unhappy with the way the Northern Lighthouse Board has handled your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Requests for internal reviews should be submitted within two months of the date of this letter and should be addressed to:

The Commercial Manager
Northern Lighthouse Board
84 George Street
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Initially the Commercial Manager will review the case with a further review being conducted by the Director Finance.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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