



06 June 2016

Members of the Board 2014-15

In October 2010, the Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude announced that 192 Quasi-autonomous Non-Governmental Organisations (quangos) would be abolished and a further 118 merged.¹

What are colloquially referred to as quangos are in fact a combination of non-ministerial departments, executive agencies, non-departmental public bodies and others. They have a wide range of functions from providing expert advisory services to government to operating major parts of the National Health Service with multi-billion pound budgets.

While the actual number of quangos has fallen, most of the bodies abolished have been small advisory bodies whose functions have simply been transferred to other quangos or government departments.²

So despite this reduction in number, quangos retain significant responsibility over areas of policy and the sum of their budgets stretches into the tens of billions of pounds.

This research note investigates who, in 2014-15, sat on quango boards, who sat on multiple boards in the same year and their attendance rate at board meetings. Where available, data on remuneration, allowances or honorariums has also been collected.

The key findings of this research are:

- There were at least **3,369 positions on the boards of quangos** in 2014-15.
- At least **1,504 board meetings were missed** in 2014-15.
- There are at **least 134 quango board members who sat on more than one board** in 2014-15.
- **Fifteen** individuals sat on **more than two quango boards**.
- **Jonathan Baume** sat on five quango boards:
 - Civil Service Commission- £5,000-£10,000 – 9/9 meetings attended

¹ <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-11538534>

² <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/bonfires-of-the-quangos/>

- Criminal Cases Review Commission- £0-£5,000 – 7/8 meetings attended
 - Health and Safety Executive- £15,000-£20,000 – 10/10 meetings attended
 - Office for Nuclear Regulation - £0 – 4/6 meetings attended
 - Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service - £1,695 – 2/3 meetings attended
- Declarations of **political activity** amongst public appointees fell to just 4.5 per cent.
 - Conservative – 1.2 per cent
 - Labour – 1.7 per cent
 - Liberal Democrat – 0.5 per cent
 - Other – 1.1 per cent

[Click here for the full data](#)

Sources and Methodology

All data is for the year 2014-15 or where the annual report is for the single year 2014.

All names and data have been retrieved from annual accounts, reports or other official documents such as meeting minutes.

A very few quangos do not appear to have published any such documents and so the membership of their boards has been taken directly from their website. These are noted in the source column of the spreadsheet. It may be that these boards have changed in composition since the 2014-15 financial year and so where this is the case and there is no other indication that they were on the board in 2014-15 they have been removed from the analysis even if they remain on the larger spreadsheet.

The quangos considered in this report are those listed as 'Public corporations' and 'Agencies and other public bodies' at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Table Guide

- Table 1: The percentage of declarations of political activity to the Public Appointments Commissioner by party since 2000-2001
- Chart 1: The percentage of declarations of political activity to the Public Appointments Commissioner by party since 2000-2001
- Chart 2: The proportion of declarations of political activity by party

- Table 2: Individuals who sat on more than two quango boards

To discuss media opportunities please contact:

Dia Chakravarty, Political Director

07899 020 455

Dia.chakravarty@taxpayersalliance.com

To discuss the research please contact:

Harry Fairhead, Policy Analyst

07807 885 200

Harry.fairhead@taxpayersalliance.com

Table 1: The percentage of declarations of political activity to the Public Appointments Commissioner by party since 2000-2001

Year	Conservative (%)	Labour (%)	Liberal Democrat (%)	Other (%)	Total declaring political activity (%)
2000-01	3.9	11.7	1.3	1.3	19.0
2001-02	2.7	14.3	1.3	1.3	20.7
2002-03	3.2	11.7	1.6	1.6	18.6
2003-04	2.9	9.2	1.3	1.3	15.2
2004-05	2.5	8.9	1.5	1.5	14.4
2005-06	2.1	8.3	1.6	1.3	13.3
2006-07	2.5	10.2	2.0	1.1	15.8
2007-08	2.2	5.7	1.3	1.1	10.4
2008-09	2.1	5.5	1.0	1.5	10.2
2009-10	1.3	5.9	0.9	0.3	8.4
2010-11	2.0	5.4	1.3	1.7	10.3
2011-12	1.8	10.2	0.6	0.5	13.3
2012-13	3.3	3.0	1.0	1.7	9.0
2013-14	1.5	2.3	0.4	0.7	4.9
2014-15	1.2	1.7	0.5	1.1	4.5

Chart 1: Party affiliation of public appointments since 2000-01

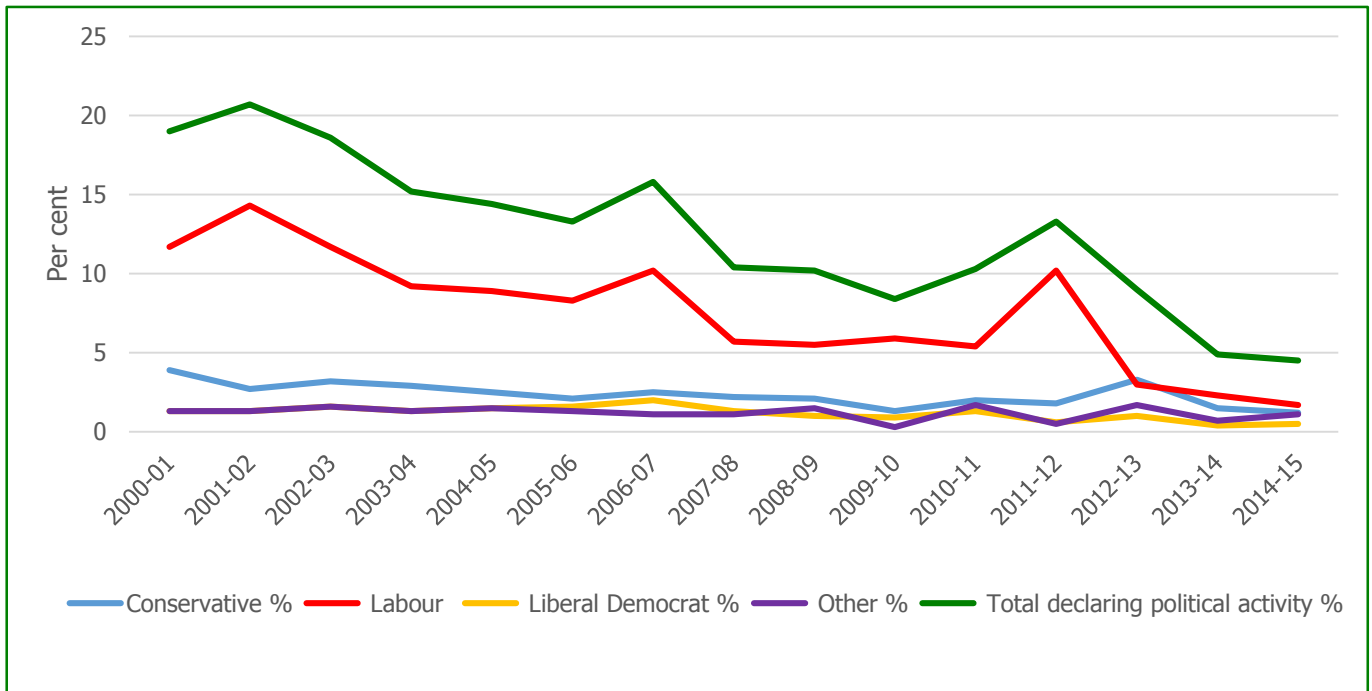


Chart 2: Party affiliation of public appointments in 2014-15 (as a percentage of those who declared political activity)

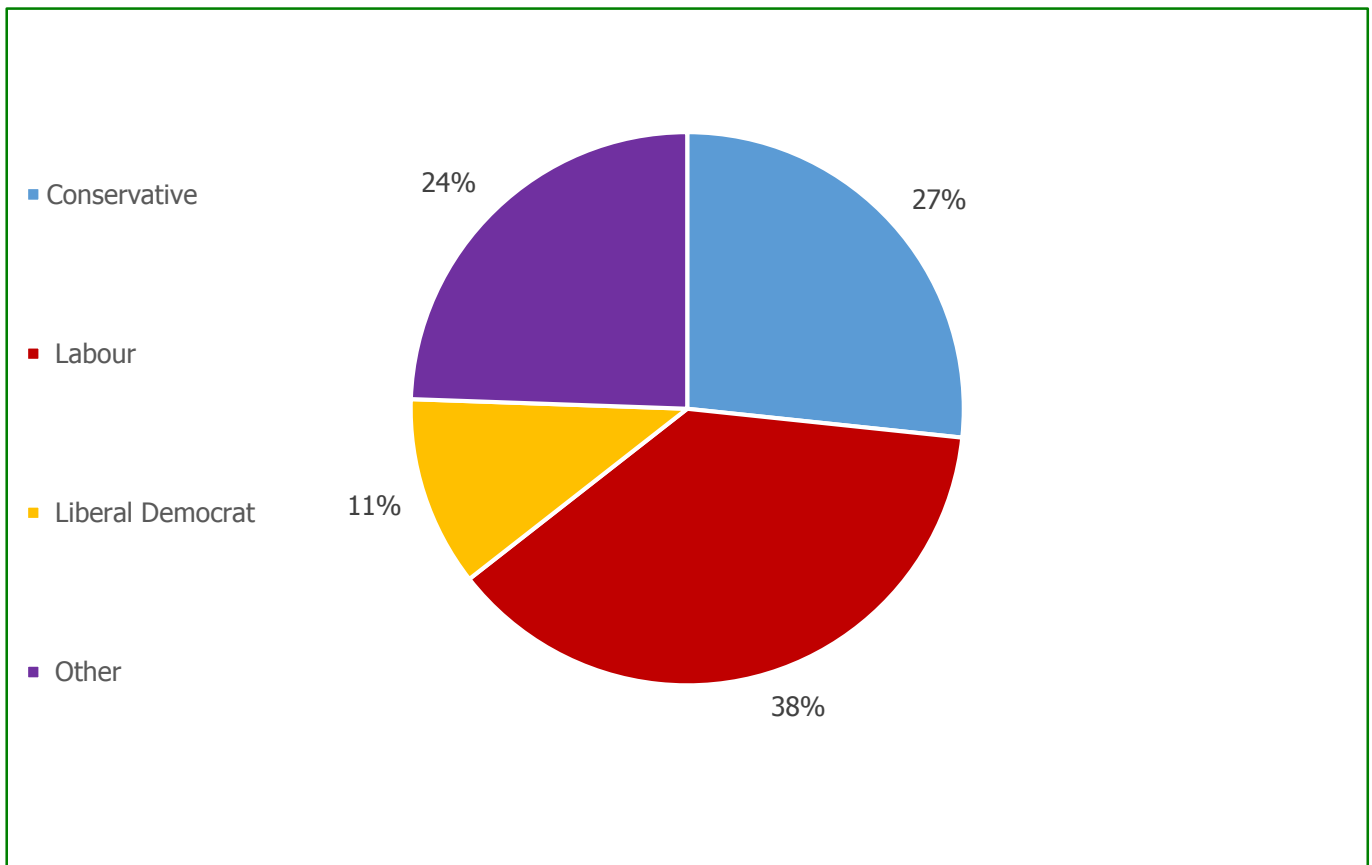


Table 2: Individuals who sat on more than two quango boards

Individuals on five quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Jonathan Baume	Civil Service Commission	Commissioner	5,000-10,000	9/9	"Competition fees" £15,000-20,000 From 01/07/14
	Criminal Cases Review Commission	Non-Executive	0-5,000	7/8	
	Health and Safety Executive	Member	15,000-20,000	10/10	
	Office for Nuclear Regulation	Non-executive board member	-	4/6	
	Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service	Council member	1,695	2/3	Until November 2014
Individuals on four quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Lynda Warren	Committee on Radioactive Waste Management	Member	13,500	-	
	Natural Resources Wales	Member	20,000-25,000	6/7	
	Science Advisory Council	Member	-	-	
	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Representing National Resources Wales	-	2/4	
Individuals on three quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Alex Jablonowski	Valuation Office Agency	Non-Executive Director	10,000-15,000	11/11	

Individuals on three quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Alex Jablonowski (cont.)	Wilton Park	Non-Executive Director	10,000-15,000	5/5	
	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	Non-Executive Director	15,000-20,000	11/11	
Andrew Flanagan	Civil Service Commission	Commissioner	5,000-10,000	8/9	"Competition fees" £15,000-20,000
	Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority	Non-Executive	-	n/a	
	NHS Business Services Authority	Non-executive	5,000-10,000	8/8	
Christine Tacon	Groceries Code Adjudicator	Groceries Code adjudicator	65,000-70,000	5/5	The Executive Board meets every 6 – 8 weeks and met 5 times in this reporting period with full attendance each time. - No further detail of board members
	Met Office	Non-executive director	15,000-20,000	7/7	
	Natural Environment Research Council	Member	6,850	5/5	
Clive Elphick	National Museums Liverpool	Trustee	-	3/5	
	Competition Appeal Tribunal	Ordinary member	-	4/4	
	Environment Agency	Member	25,203	9/10	
Dame Moira Gibb	NHS England	Non-executive Director	5,000-10,000	8/8	

Individuals on three quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Dame Moira Gibb (cont.)	Civil Service Commission	Commissioner	5,000-10,000	8/9	"Competition fees" £5,000-£10,000
	Office for National Statistics	Non-executive member	15,000-20,000	-	
David Lebrecht	National Crime Agency Remuneration Review Body	Chair	11,407.25	-	
	Senior Salaries Review Body	Member	3,648.90	-	
	Senior Police Ranks	Member	1,628	-	
John Beath	Competition Appeal Tribunal	Ordinary members	-	4/4	
	Economic and Social Research Council	Member	0-5,000	1/1	Left September 2014
	Prison Service Pay Review Body	Member	11,357.06	-	
Julia King	Committee on Climate Change	Member	10,000-15,000	9/11	
	Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council	Member	5,000-10,000	5/5	
	UK Green Investment Bank	Non-executive Director	25,000	8/8	
Neil Masom	High Speed Two (HS2) Limited	Non-Executive Board Member	10,000-15,000	5/6	Non-Executive Board member from 15 September 2014; contractual commitment two days per month

Individuals on three quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Neil Masom (cont.)	FCO Services	Interim Network Services Director	55,000-60,000	2/2	1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015. The total fees stated here includes the additional element relating to the agency fees paid to LA International Computer Consultants Ltd who provided Neil Masom's services.
	Information Commissioner's Office	Non-Executive Board Member	1,000-5,000	2/2	Neil Masom retired 31 July 2014
Nigel Reader	Marine Management Organisation	Board member	10,000-15,000	Attendance at board meetings was "good"	
	Natural Resources Wales	Member	25,000-30,000	7/7	
	Natural England	Board member	15,000-20,000	Board attendance: Six members attending 100% of the time, three attending at least 85% of the time and one attending 60% of the time.	
Rosie Glazebrook	Advisory Committee on the Microbiological Safety of Food	Member	-	-	
	Human Tissue Authority	Lay Member	5,000-10,000	4/4	
	Public Health England	Non-executive board member	5,000-10,000	6/6	

Individuals on three quango boards					
Name	Quango	Position	Remuneration (£)	Meetings attended	Notes
Sarah Veale	Regulatory Policy Committee	Member	-	-	
	Equality and Human Rights Commission	Commissioner	10,000	6/6	
	Health and Safety Executive	member	15,000-20,000	10/10	
Sharmila Nebhrajani	Human Tissue Authority	Chair	45,000-50,000	4/4	
	Pension Protection Fund	Non-executive member	15,000-20,000	5/9	
	The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman	Non-executive members	0-5,000	2/2	Resigned in July 2014