

**ROYAL MAIL REQUEST FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF OLYMPIC GAMES
COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS, 26 JULY – 12 AUGUST 2012**

Summary

1. This Paper seeks the SPCB's views on a request from Royal Mail for a small public exhibition at the Parliament in July and August to showcase Olympic Games commemorative stamps as they are issued.

Issues and Options

2. Royal Mail is looking for a high-profile but small-scale public location to showcase commemorative Olympic Games stamps as they are issued. Royal Mail is one of the sponsors for the 2012 Olympic Games and the organisation is planning to issue a commemorative stamp within 24 hours for any British athlete who wins a gold medal, featuring a picture of their moment of triumph. There are a number of Scottish athletes competing as part of Team GB; those confirmed so far are listed at **Annex A**.
3. They are looking at identifying a number of high profile locations around the UK to place display stands of the stamps and have approached the Parliament as a possible public venue.
4. The display cabinet would be a small plinth, encased in glass, featuring an enlarged version of each stamp and the display would be updated each time a new stamp is issued. An image is attached at **Annex B**.
5. The Main Hall is already in use for two summer exhibitions, World Press Photo 2012 in July, and the National Records of Scotland *Special Delivery: The William Wallace Letters* exhibition in August. However, given the national significance of the Olympics and the Royal Mail aim of commemorating athletes within 24 hours of their achievements, it would seem appropriate for the Parliament to support this exhibition if feasible at short notice.
6. While the Main Hall itself is not available, it would be possible to accommodate the display in the public circulation area outside the Education Resource Centre near to the schools' lockers.
7. Royal Mail will be issuing news releases about the stamps in which they will mention the display of stamps at the Scottish Parliament.

The SPCB is asked to consider this and agree that the area outside the Education Resource Centre is used to exhibit any stamps issued.

Resource Implications

8. There would be no resource implications for the SPCB as the exhibition would be developed, installed and updated by Royal Mail. Marketing and press about the exhibition would be undertaken by Royal Mail. No special security would be required for the exhibition. The Events and Exhibitions Team would facilitate installation of the exhibition.

Publication Scheme

9. The Paper can be published after formal announcement of the exhibition.

Next steps

10. The Events and Exhibitions Team will communicate the SPCB's decision to Royal Mail and facilitate the installation of the exhibition.

Decision

11. The SPCB is asked to consider this Paper and to agree that the Royal Mail can exhibit any stamps issued during the Olympics in the area outside the Education Resource Centre (off the Main Hall).

EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS TEAM

14 May 2012

Scottish athletes competing as part of Team GB

Only 85 of the approximately 550 GB Team members have been selected at this stage. Of these, the following Scots have made it onto Team GB for London 2012 so far:

Sailing

Luke Patience - 470 Class

Swimming

Robbie Renwick - 200m Freestyle and 400m Freestyle

Hannah Miley - 200m Individual Medley and 400m Individual Medley

Michael Jamieson - 200m Breaststroke

Craig Benson - 100m Breaststroke

Caitlin McClatchey - 4 x 200m Relay

Fencing

Richard Kruse – Individual Foil

Canoeing

David Florence - C1 Class and C2 Class

Tim Baillie - C2 Class

Boxing

Josh Taylor - 60Kg Category

Proposed display by Royal Mail



Elegance Round Display Showcase