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Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

Summary of the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18 November 2010 at the Government Art Collection's London premises

Present

Chairman: Julia Somerville

Members: Iwona Blazwick, Mick Elliott, Penny Johnson (GAC Director), Nicholas Penny

GAC: Adrian George, Clive Marks, Julia Toffolo

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David A Bailey, Penelope Curtis, Sandy Nairne, Andrew Renton and Sarah Shalgosky.

2. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 15 July 2010

The Committee approved the Minutes, which were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

The Director noted that there were no commissions in the pipeline.

The Runa Islam sculpture **Elliptical Returns** at the Home Office, which had been subject to malicious damage in 2009, has since been repaired. The building owner AGP has borne the cost of re-fabrication.

4. Acquisitions

4.1 The Committee noted the acquisitions made since 15 July 2010.

4.2 The Committee approved the following works for acquisition:

Becky Beasley (born 1975)

Trap (II) 2010

Archival Print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag

135 x 109 cm

edition of 2

£7,500 less 20% discount plus VAT: £7050 (final price £7,000)

Laura Bartlett Gallery

Margaret Harrison (born 1940)

Charcoal Drawing from series 'Dorothy Wordsworth' 1980

Charcoal on paper

154.9 x 105 cm

Accompanying text piece

62 x 87 cm

£5,000 less 10% discount plus VAT: £5,287.50

The artist

Robert Holyhead (born 1974)

Untitled 2010

Oil on canvas

111.8 x 73.7 cm

£4,000

Karsten Schubert and Robert Holyhead

Goschka Macuga (born 1967)

Oak 2010

Oak, fish fossil and Perspex

157 x 52 x 50 cm

£24,000 less 20% discount plus VAT: £22,560

Kate MacGarry

James Barnor (born 1929)

Mike Eghan at Piccadilly Circus 1967

Silver Gelatin print; ed. 1/10

122 x 122 cm

£2,500 plus VAT: £2,937.50

Autograph

5. Accreditation

The Director reported that the GAC had been awarded accreditation by the Museums, Libraries and Archive Council.

6. Government Art Collection (GAC) exhibition at Whitechapel Gallery

The Director updated the Committee on progress. The title for the first display was discussed along with possible promotional strategies.

7. GAC Publication

The Director brought the Committee up to date on the progress of the GAC publication, which is to be published by Scala in summer 2011.

8. Director's Report of GAC activities since 15 July 2010

The Committee noted the report.

9. A.O.B.

The Director reported that two posts had been lost from the GAC. The posts have now been deleted as part of DCMS's staff and administration reduction policies. Future budget reductions were expected.

10. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 17 March 2011.