

GENERAL SYNOD FEBRUARY 2012 QUESTIONS

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Bishop of Oxford to reply:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Robin Hall (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q1.** Since the publication of GS 1845 *Into the Next 200 Years: A Report from the Board of Education* at the July 2011 Group of Sessions, what progress has the National Society made in producing new resources for the teaching of Christianity in church schools, and is there still an expectation that these resources will transfer well into community schools?

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Miss Emma Forward (Exeter) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q2.** What is being done to promote the benefits of a Church School education in a secular society, especially in the light of the recent celebrations of 200 years since the birth of Nathaniel Woodard?

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q3.** In the light of the widespread concern throughout the Church of England about the continuing exclusion of RE from the English Baccalaureate and the severe reduction in PGCE places for RE, what progress has the Board of Education made with the Department of Education in seeking to revive the fortunes of RE in English schools?

The Revd Rosalind Rutherford (Winchester) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q4.** To allow for the possibility of consultation with Diocesan Youth and Children's Officers and other groups who would be affected by the proposed removal of the post of National Youth Officer and National Children's Officer, is it possible to delay the date of this re-structuring in order to consider all of its implications more fully?

The Revd Alastair Cutting (Chichester) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q5.** In the light of the Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message, with its focus on youth and children, and recent statistics still underlining national decline in numbers of children and youth in churches, has the Board considered how we can best invest at a national level in supporting ministry in this vital area in the dioceses and parishes?

The Revd Stephen France (Chichester) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q6.** In the past decade the number of national officer posts covering children and young people has been reduced from four to two, and is now proposed to be reduced to one. What long term strategy is in place to support this vital work?

The Revd Stephen France (Chichester) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q7.** What effect will the replacement of the post of National Children's Officer and National Youth Officer by a single "Going for Growth" Adviser have on the long term advocacy for children and young people?

Mr Nicholas Harding (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q8.** In the light of the Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year message calling us all to work harder for children and young people, and the Archbishop of York's lecture relating to the *Good Childhood* report, does the Board of Education consider this to be the appropriate time to be cutting the number of national officers who support the church's voluntary work with the young from two to one?

Mr James Townsend (Manchester) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q9.** Given the clear leadership provided by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his New Year message, that caring about young people must be central to how we judge our society, how does the Education Division justify its proposal to halve the team dedicated to work with children and young people?

The Very Revd David Brindley (Deans) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q10.** In the light of the positive and public contributions made by both Archbishops on the subject of engaging with young people in January 2012, what consultations has the Education Division held in respect of its proposal to remove 'children' and 'youth' from the titles of national posts?

Dr Rachel Jepson (Birmingham) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q11.** Would the Board explain the process, including the skills audit, which led to the proposals in relation to current staff in the context of the implementation of the 'Going for Growth' plan?

Dr Rachel Jepson (Birmingham) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q12.** With reference to the proposed staffing changes in the Education Division, why is it not more straightforward, more cost-effective, and much better employment practice, to offer the current staff members additional training, rather than creating a new post and making the existing posts redundant?

Canon Nigel Greenwood (Ripon & Leeds) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q13.** Given the strong emphasis within the 2010 Archbishops' Council Education Division's *Growing for Growth* report on delivery at national, diocesan and parochial level:
- (i) why is it proposed that the existing, distinctive and highly valued skills of the National Youth and Children Advisers be placed at risk and reduced by incorporation into a single new post, and
 - (ii) what wider consultation has taken place with those whom they serve?

Miss Rachel Beck (Lincoln) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q14.** It has been reported that a new post of 'Going for Growth' Advisor will replace the National Children's and Youth Advisor posts in the Education Division. The rationale behind this change in staffing structure has been explained as a way of delivering the outcomes of 'Going for Growth' which require 'specialist skills that the Division does not have within existing permanent staff'. Would the Board outline what these specialist skills are and what they entail in relation to the new role of Going for Growth Advisor?

Miss Hannah Page (Church of England Youth Council) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q15.** With reference to the proposed staffing changes in the Education Division, will the Board outline how the Church of England Youth Council (CEYC) will be resourced in the future, and if there will be additional support could they explain what form this might take?

Miss Anna Louise Smith (Church of England Youth Council) to ask the Chairman of the Board of Education:

- Q16.** With reference to the proposed staffing changes in the Education Division, can the Board provide details on the following:
- (a) the duration of the contract of the proposed 'Going for Growth' officer;
 - (b) whether there will be an opportunity to evaluate this new position after a trial period; and
 - (c) whether the Board would consider involving CEYC and the Diocesan Youth and Children's Officers' networks in an evaluation if one occurred?

CHURCH BUILDINGS COUNCIL

Mr Tim Allen to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mr Ian Fletcher (Bradford) to ask the Chairman of the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division:

- Q17.** What representations have been made to the Government to request flexibility within the quarterly budgets for the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in order to address volatility of claims; have any representations been made to request that additional grants can be made within the existing budget in respect of large projects; and have representations been made to enable the much reduced grant in 2011/12 to be topped up, within the existing budgets, by carry back from later years?

COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Bishop of Guildford to reply:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Dr Richard Mantle (Ripon & Leeds) to ask the Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity:

- Q18.** What plans does the Council for Christian Unity have to initiate the 'direct discussions between the Church of England and ACNA' envisaged by the archbishops in paragraph 20 of their report *The Church of England and the Anglican Church in North America* (GS Misc 1011)?

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Dr Edmund Marshall (St Albans) to ask the Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity:

- Q19.** What progress has been made on the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Implementation Commission for the Anglican-Methodist Covenant to achieve mutual recognition of the ordained ministries of the Methodist Church and the Church of England?

Dr Cherida Stobart (Bath & Wells) to ask the Chairman of the Council for Christian Unity:

- Q20.** To advance the Anglican-Methodist Covenant, now nine years old, can consideration be given to changing the law, including by removing any requirement for permission from the Church of England minister's bishop each time the Church of England or Methodist minister wishes to celebrate the Holy Communion in the reciprocal church, so that, in future, automatic (and spontaneous) reciprocity and unity in the celebration of the Holy Communion is possible?

MINISTRY DIVISION

The Bishop of Norwich to reply:

The Revd Jonathan Clark (Ripon & Leeds) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q21.** How can the Synod and the training institutions be confident that the new single curriculum proposed in GS Misc 1008 will adequately preserve different traditions in the Church before the details of that curriculum have been published?

The Revd Jonathan Frais (Chichester) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q22.** How can the Synod and the training institutions be confident that the new single curriculum proposed in GS Misc 1008 will adequately preserve different traditions in the Church before the details of that curriculum have been published?

The Revd John Cook (Oxford) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q23.** How will the proposals of the Working Party on changes in higher education funding set out in GS Misc 1008 ensure appropriate diversity of provision for theological education in the Church of England?

The Revd Jonathan Frais (Chichester) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q24.** How is the Working Party on funding changes in higher education going to ensure the different traditions in the Church are adequately represented on the curriculum working party proposed in GS Misc 1008?

The Revd Stephen Pratt (Lichfield) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q25.** If the proposals of the Working Party on funding changes in higher education are accepted, how will the appropriate diversity of provision for theological education in the Church of England be ensured, and who will be monitoring this?

Mr Gerald O'Brien (Rochester) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q26.** Which Principals, if any, of the training institutions share the confidence of the working party on funding changes in higher education that the new single curriculum (details of which have not yet been published) will adequately preserve the different traditions in the Church?

The Bishop of Sheffield to reply as Chairman of the working group on funding changes in Higher Education:

The Revd Jonathan Clark (Ripon & Leeds) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q27.** Is the confidence of the working party on funding changes in higher education that the common curriculum can be adequately formulated and discussed in the period January–October 2012 informed by the assessment of the training institutions?

Mr Gerald O'Brien (Rochester) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q28.** Given that the Working Party is unable to point to any definite savings in its assessment of the financial impact of its proposals in paragraph 66 of its Report (GS Misc 1008), have the views of the Principals of the training institutions been sought as to whether additional costs are likely to be incurred if the Working Party's proposals are implemented and, if so, what views have been received?

The Revd Stephen Pratt (Lichfield) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q29.** Has the Working Party on funding changes in higher education formed an assessment of the cost of disruption to the existing and established local relationships which theological training institutions already have with institutions of higher education, and are they confident that the disruption of these existing relationships will deliver significant savings?

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q30.** In the proposed plan to move to a single validating HEI for ministry training programmes across the country, given the mixed experience of validation arrangements offered by a number of British HEIs,
- (a) how will parity of student experience and equality of access to student support services across different institutions be assured; and
 - (b) how will the necessary variety of local training for local circumstances, including OLM/NSM/SSM and Readers, be provided for?

Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q31.** Concerning the report of the Sheffield Working Party on Formation for Ministry, is it possible that any training institution other than those based in Oxbridge and Durham could currently fit the proposed exception criteria?

The Bishop of Norwich to reply:

The Revd Clare Herbert (London) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q32.** Given the pastoral significance of questions of human sexuality, the frequency with which they are asked in parish, family and wider Church life, and the variety of Christian opinion voiced over them, can information be provided about whether human sexuality is a topic required to be included in the syllabuses of Church of England Theological Colleges and Courses?

The Revd Mark Steadman (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q33.** Given that in recent years it has not always been possible to send ordinands to participate in the longstanding scheme to spend a semester at the English College in Rome, what steps are the Ministry Division taking actively to promote this opportunity amongst current students in training?

WRITTEN REPLY

Mrs Anne Foreman (Exeter) to ask the Chairman of the Ministry Division:

- Q34.** How many female and male Distinctive Deacons are there in each Diocese and how many women and men have been recommended for training as Distinctive Deacons since 2000?

REMUNERATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Bishop of Ripon & Leeds to reply:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Canon Roger Driver (Liverpool) to ask the Chairman of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee:

- Q35.** By Province how many serving stipendiary clergy are there in the categories of Bishops, Archdeacons, Deans, Residentiary Canons, parish clergy and other clergy, and of that number how many in each category still hold Freehold?

Mr Christopher Fielden (Salisbury) to ask the Chairman of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee:

- Q36.** Further to my question, asked at the July group of sessions, as to the granting of visas to members of link dioceses wishing to come to Britain on visits sponsored by Dioceses here, please may we have a report as to how discussions with the UK Border Agency on this matter are progressing?

The Revd Hugh Lee (Oxford) to ask the Chairman of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee:

- Q37.** What progress is being made in developing guidance for dioceses, and the clergy involved, on the remuneration, conditions of service and related issues arising in connection with 'house for duty' ministry by clergy, including advice on how to keep up their National Insurance payments if they have no earnings?

MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Mr Philip Fletcher to reply:

Mr Andrew Presland (Peterborough) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q38.** Given the observation (in the *Church of England Newspaper* of 11 November 2011) of Messy Church co-founder Lucy Moore that the only previous mention of Messy Church in General Synod has been in a negative context, regarding its failure to fall into line with *Common Worship*, has thought been given to whether positive lessons can be learned from the rapid growth of Messy Church and its ability to help thousands of unchurched families across England find out about Jesus?

The Revd Philip Plyming (Guildford) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q39.** In July last year this Synod passed a motion asking the Archbishops' Council to work with the House of Bishops to develop a national mission strategy. Can the Chair of MPA update this Synod on the work that has been undertaken so far to take forward this request?

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q40.** The Bishop of Barking has made a good case for churches being actively engaged with the Olympics this summer. He advises deepening our interfaith relations (assisted by the Presence and Engagement network). What is being done to provide practical and educational ideas and resources with a distinct interfaith flavour, to assist churches, schools and the communities they serve in fulfilling this objective?

Mr Robert Hurley (Oxford) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q41.** What representations is the Council for Mission and Public Affairs making to uphold the Christian teaching on marriage by challenging businesses/organisations which encourage, facilitate and/or profit from adultery?

The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons (Ripon & Leeds) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q42.** What are the MPA's plans for ensuring that, following Andrew Davey's departure from the staff of the MPA, dioceses and bishops are appropriately resourced and represented at national level to engage with the varied urban agenda, including mission and ministry in the more deprived parts of our cities?

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q43.** How will the Mission and Public Affairs Council's paper *The Church and Capitalism* (published November 2011) be promoted to contribute and widen the present public debate, and how is the Council working with other agencies to further resource and enhance the appetite for public debate on this issue?

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q44.** What are the Council for Mission and Public Affairs, and the other National Church Institutions generally, doing to support the Episcopal Church of Sudan?

Mrs Joanna Monckton (Lichfield) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q45.** Following the recent statement by the Prime Minister that this is a Christian Country, will the Council be considering what further steps might be taken to seek to ensure that the law allows Christians to express their Christian faith at work without the threat of losing their jobs?

Mr Andrew Presland (Peterborough) to ask the Chairman of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

- Q46.** What representations, if any, has the Council made to the Office for National Statistics on the fact that none of the forty statistical indicators proposed in the recent consultation on proposals for measuring National Well-being related directly to religion, faith or spirituality, despite the strong link established in research, and the National Statistician and others recognising the high level of interest in these issues (particularly relating to Christianity) that was shown in the initial consultation last year?

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Ven Julian Henderson to reply as Acting Chairman of the Business Committee:

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q47.** What is the projected timetable for the work of the Elections Review Group and, in particular, what deadlines apply for submissions from members of General Synod and others on (a) the electorate of the House of Laity, (b) the balance of membership between the provinces, (c) special constituencies, (d) the elections process and (e) other matters?

Mrs Joanna Monckton (Lichfield) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q48.** Are there any plans to amend the Church Representation Rules with a view to preventing married couples, whether clergy or lay, serving on a PCC at the same time?

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q49.** Following the question at the last group of sessions put by Brother Thomas Quin to the Business Committee (question 38), to help make a proper comparison of the costs in London and York, could the Business Committee ask the dioceses for details of the costs they have to meet in connection with groups of sessions held in London and York respectively?

The Revd Canon Robert Cotton (Guildford) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q50.** What factors will be taken into account when considering the possibility of the Final Approval debate on the Anglican Communion Covenant at the July 2012 Group of Sessions of the Synod?

The Revd Canon Robert Cotton (Guildford) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q51.** What contingency planning is being done for a situation where a majority, or a significant number, of dioceses vote against the Anglican Communion Covenant in their Diocesan Synods?

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas (Bath & Wells) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q52.** Has the Business Committee reviewed the 'extended conversation' discussion groups that formed part of the York sessions in July 2011 and is it proposed to repeat the exercise in July this year?

Mr Anirban Roy (London) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q53.** When will the Synod have the opportunity to debate whether it should be possible for civil partnerships to be registered in religious premises of the Church of England?

WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Paul Hancock (Liverpool) to ask the Chairman of the Business Committee:

- Q54.** In view of the recent history of demonstrations/interruptions during Synod business, will there be increased security measures for this Group of Sessions and the subsequent group(s) of sessions in 2012, in view of items on the agenda which are likely to generate strong emotions?

STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall to reply:

Mr Adrian Vincent (Guildford) to ask the Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee:

- Q55.** Has the Standing Orders Committee considered whether revision committees, to which legislative and liturgical business are committed, should be required, or encouraged, normally to meet in public, in the same way that public bill committees of the House of Commons examining legislation at committee stage do; and if not will it do so now?

CLERGY DISCIPLINE COMMISSION

The Bishop of Guildford to reply as a member of the Commission:

The Revd Canon Susan Penfold (Blackburn) to ask the Chairman of the Clergy Discipline Commission:

- Q56.** Is it possible to give an indication of the cost to the church of complaints against bishops and archdeacons under the Clergy Discipline Measure which do not reach the Vicar General's Court or a bishop's disciplinary tribunal respectively?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMISSION

The Bishop of Chichester to reply:

The Revd Stephen Lynas (Bath & Wells) to ask the Chairman of the Faith and Order Commission:

- Q57.** The background paper produced by the Faith and Order Commission (GS 1840B) for the debate on the Bradford DSM at the July group of sessions drew attention to its publication *The Journey of Christian Initiation*, published by Church House Publishing in 2011. What steps does the FAOC intend to take to promote a debate in Synod of that publication?

LITURGICAL COMMISSION

The Bishop of Wakefield to reply:

The Revd Charles Read (Norwich) to ask the Chairman of the Liturgical Commission:

- Q58.** What opportunity did the Liturgical Commission have to discuss the content of the FAOC book *The Journey of Christian Initiation* prior to its publication?

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

Mr Andreas Whittam Smith to reply as First Church Estates Commissioner:

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to ask the Church Commissioners:

- Q59.** The Fair Pensions report 'Protecting our Best Interests: rediscovering fiduciary obligation' states that fiduciary duties include a duty of loyalty and not a single duty to maximise returns. Given the contribution of fossil fuels to climate change and the disproportionate impact of oil extraction on the poor, will the Church Commissioners take the ethical lead and make the necessary arrangements to disinvest from the oil industry?

PENSIONS BOARD

Mr Jonathan Spencer to reply:

Dr Peter Capon (Manchester) to ask the Chairman of the Pensions Board:

- Q60.** What advice is the Pensions Board giving to small Church of England institutions who face crippling deficit payments following the latest triennial revaluation of the Church Workers Pension Fund?

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL

Mr Andrew Britton to reply on behalf of the Presidents:

The Revd Philip Plyming (Guildford) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q61.** In the light of Synod's priority to take forward the spiritual and numerical growth of the church, what steps are being taken to review the formula used to distribute funds received from the Church Commissioners to dioceses – the so-called 'Darlow Formula' – to ensure that it does not subsidise decline but rather promotes growth?

The Ven Christine Hardman to reply on behalf of the Presidents:

Mrs April Alexander (Southwark) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q62.** At its Nottingham meeting in 2005, the Anglican Consultative Council adopted the Millennium Development Goal for "equal representation of women in decision making at all levels". In January 2012 at a joint seminar for the Archbishops' Council and the Church Commissioners there were six women out of fifty delegates. What steps have been taken by the Council to comply, and to encourage other institutions in the Church to comply, with the ACC resolution and recommendations?

Mr Philip Fletcher to reply on behalf of the Presidents:

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q63.** What progress has been made with the request in the Synod's resolution of July 2011 that, in order to provide a baseline against which to measure the progress to be reported in 2014, the Archbishops' Council collect and publish for each diocese the current number of Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic (i) clergy and (ii) laity in specified significant roles, including suffragan bishops, deans, archdeacons, residentiary canons, directors of ordinands, examining chaplains, bishops' advisers for selection conferences and other diocesan officers?

FOR WRITTEN REPLY:

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q64.** Will the Council provide a table or chart showing church-going statistics for the Church of England from 1930 to date correlated, if possible, with a measure of the level of Church of England-based community action over the same period?

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q65.** Following the resolution of General Synod in July 2011 which called on the Archbishops' Council to work with the central structures of the Church of England to produce a national mission action plan that will support parishes in growing the number of worshipping Anglicans, enabling them to grow in faith, what steps have the Council taken towards producing such a plan, and when does it expect that it will be produced?

Mr Colin Slater (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q66.** What process was involved, and how was a final decision reached, to adopt the strap line "A Christian presence in every community" and what control, if any, is exercised over its use?

The Bishop of Sheffield to reply on behalf of the Presidents:

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q67.** Since the group of sessions in July 2011
- (a) what actions has the Archbishops' Council taken to turn the rhetoric of lay involvement into reality (paragraphs 81 and 82 of GS 1815);
 - (b) what further such actions are planned in the next six months; and
 - (c) how will progress be monitored and success measured?

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

The Bishop of Oxford to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mr Nicholas Harding (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q68.** As the Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham continues to be a successful 'Bishop for Children', has the House considered appointing a 'Bishop for Youth' to address the specific needs of those in the 11-25 age range, and those who minister to them?

The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Canon Ann Turner (Europe) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q69.** What audiovisual resources are there available on the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults for parishes wishing to become better acquainted with local, practical, requirements?

The Bishop of Ely to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Tony Redman (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q70.** Of the senior clergy, including Bishops, Deans and archdeacons, how many were trained through a regional training course and how many by college or university, either numerically or proportionately?

The Revd Tony Redman (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q71.** How much was spent per head in 2011 on the training of new bishops, and has any comparison been made of the spending per head in that year on the training of new archdeacons?

The Bishop of Dudley to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

The Revd Charles Razzall (Chester) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

Q72. How many people are living as enclosed hermits in the Church and what are the arrangements for supporting this way of life?

The Revd Dr Rosemarie Mallett (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

Q73. What actions has the House taken to further the positive intentionality of the recommendations of the *Unfinished Business: A Pastoral and Missional Approach for the Next Decade* report (GS 1844), so as to ensure better representation of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people at senior leadership levels in our national, Diocesan and local church structures?

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

The Very Revd David Brindley (Deans) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

Q74. What consideration has the House recently given to the theology and role of cathedrals, and to the question of whether it is possible and desirable for a diocese to have more than one cathedral?

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

Q75. Has consideration been given to leaving the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure substantially unchanged whilst also introducing a new Act of Synod that would govern the arrangement whereby suitable alternative bishops are given their authority (by General Synod) to fulfil the role defined in section 2 of the draft Measure?

The Bishop of Chichester to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q76.** In view of the reservations expressed about the FAOC symposium, *The Journey of Christian Initiation*, during last July's Synod debate on the Admission of Baptised Adults to Communion, would the Chairman of the House of Bishops please inform the Synod whether or not that the symposium's line on confirmation has the agreement and endorsement of the House of Bishops?

The Revd Dr Tim Stratford (Liverpool) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q77.** In view of the disquiet expressed in this Synod in July 2011 about the theological stance of the recent Faith and Order Commission publication *The Journey of Christian Initiation*, can the House inform the Synod what standing that publication has in relation to the doctrine and policy of the Church of England and, given that it covers links its authority to the General Synod, whether there are any plans for a debate in the Synod on the publication at some point in the near future?

The Bishop of Liverpool to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mr Richard Brown (York) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q78.** A number of bishops in the House of Lords wrote a letter to the Observer newspaper in November 2011 criticising the Government's welfare reforms programme. Has the House considered showing similar opposition to the Legal Aid Bill currently going through Parliament (given that the legal aid cuts are likely to do as much damage to vulnerable people on low incomes, disabled people, children etc)?

The Bishop of Gloucester to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mrs April Alexander (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q79.** Recent press statements (5 January 2012 and 1 July 2011) on human sexuality and on civil partnerships indicate that the appointed working groups undertake to “draw together material from the listening process”. Can further information be provided about this process, including such matters as who has listened to whom (in broad terms), when they listened, what they heard and how they overcame the difficulty that homosexual priests do not feel free to declare themselves in order to participate?

The Bishop of Sodor & Man to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

The Revd Stephen Coles (London) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q80.** To what extent were the provisions of the Equality Act taken into account by the House of Bishops when they declared a moratorium on the appointment of clergy in civil partnerships to the episcopate?

The Revd Stephen Coles (London) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q81.** What provisions are being made to ensure that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Anglicans are consulted by both the group reviewing the Pastoral Statement on Civil Partnerships and that advising the House on the Church of England’s approach to human sexuality?

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q82.** In the interests of transparency and of gaining the confidence of the Church of England in their reports, how are the terms of reference for the House of Bishops’ working groups on human sexuality and civil partnerships to be agreed and when will they be published?

The Archbishop of Canterbury to reply:

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q83.** Will the House of Bishops publish a paper setting out the respective roles of the Archbishops, the General Synod and the House of Bishops (including under the Overseas and Other Clergy (Ministry and Ordination) Measure 1967) in determining whether the Church of England is in communion with ACNA?

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q84.** Will the House of Bishops request the Archbishops to brief the House on the circumstances in which applications to officiate in the Provinces of Canterbury and York made under the Overseas and Other Clergy (Ministry and Ordination) Measure 1967 will be successfully entertained for:
- (a) clergy of ACNA; and
 - (b) clergy ordained overseas specifically for ministry in the Provinces of Canterbury and York?

Mrs Anne Foreman (Exeter) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q85.** As the recent Transformations Conference identified the need for a change of culture in the House of Bishops, what steps are being taken to begin to implement such change?

Mrs Alison Ruoff (London) to ask the Chairman House of Bishops:

- Q86.** Can the House, on behalf of the Church of England, put pressure on HM Government to stop it interfering with the definition of marriage?

The Bishop of Norwich to reply on behalf of the Chairman:

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q87.** What steps are being taken to increase the effectiveness of the Church's mission to young people through digital media, in particular through social networks, and to provide diocesan-level episcopal oversight of such mission?

The Revd Charles Razzall (Chester) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q88.** Are senior appointments in the Church subject to vetting by the Security Service (MI5) and are the results held on file within the Church?

The Archbishop of York to reply:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Canon Christine McMullen (Derby) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q89.** Apart from the diocesan bishops, the Bishop of Dover and the elected suffragans, who attends meetings of the House of Bishops, and on what basis, and who has attended in the past two years?

Mrs Pamela Bishop (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q90.** In view of the overwhelming support by bishops, clergy and laity in the dioceses for the draft legislation allowing women to be appointed bishops in the Church of England, will the House take into account in its consideration of the draft legislation the possible adverse impact on the credibility of, and confidence in, the General Synod amongst the members of the Church if the draft legislation, as it stands, is not finally approved in July 2012?

The Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby (Universities) to ask the Chairman of the House of Bishops:

- Q91.** Given the inclusion of a man who is not a bishop in the group to advise the House of Bishops on the Church of England's approach to human sexuality, are there any plans to include some women members in order to achieve at least a partial gender balance on this currently all-male group addressing the complex issue of human sexuality?

SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr William Fittall to reply:

Mr Adrian Vincent (Guildford) to ask the Secretary General:

- Q92.** In the light of the statement by the Secretary General in GS Misc 979 that there were “as yet unresolved legal questions” regarding the possibility of Ordinariate congregations sharing Church of England church buildings under the Sharing of Buildings Act 1969, what progress has been made towards resolving those legal questions, and what plans have been made to promote the ecumenical sharing of church buildings with ordinariate congregations once those legal questions have been resolved?

Mr Anirban Roy (London) to ask the Secretary General:

- Q93.** Who is responsible for deciding whether civil partnerships should be able to be registered in religious premises of the Church of England?

Miss Rachel Beck (Lincoln) to ask the Secretary General:

- Q94.** What are the employment policies followed by the NCIs relating to staff re-organisation, including potential redundancies?

Professor Anthony Berry (Chester) to ask the Secretary General:

- Q95.** In the light of the resolution 13/31 of the ACC in July 2005 what procedures are in place to ensure that any working party or advisory group of the Church has a balance of membership reflecting the diversity of church and society?

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to ask the Secretary General:

- Q96.** Can the Secretary General confirm whether consultations have taken place within the national institutions of the Church of England concerning the ‘Occupy’ movement’s camps outside St Paul’s, Bristol and Sheffield Cathedrals and, if they have, what their nature has been and at what levels they have taken place?

CLERK TO THE SYNOD

Dr Colin Podmore to reply:

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Paul Hancock (Liverpool) to ask the Clerk to the Synod:

Q97. With regard to the 5th Notice Paper (Emergency Procedures), when the premises that we use (Church House and York University) prepare for their inspections by the respective Fire Brigades, is there specific staff training in aiding the evacuation of those requiring assistance in leaving the buildings?

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

Miss Emma Forward (Exeter) to ask the Clerk to the Synod:

Q98. How are school chaplaincies represented on General Synod?

The Revd Charles Read (Norwich) to ask the Clerk to the Synod:

Q99. Some members submitted questions for the July Group of Sessions regarding the appointment of PEVs which were considered to be out of order. Can the Clerk give any guidance as to what aspects (if any) of the appointment and work of PEVs may legitimately be the subject of Questions at General Synod, and to whom such questions should be addressed?

The Revd Hugh Lee (Oxford) to ask the Clerk to the Synod:

Q100. As it is normal practice, where more than one diocese has submitted a DSM in identical or similar terms, for the diocese(s) concerned to be invited to nominate someone who could speak on behalf of their diocesan synod in the General Synod debate on the DSM and then to draw this to the attention of the person chairing the debate, is it also normal practice to invite the diocese(s) whose synods had rejected a motion in identical or similar terms to those of the DSM to nominate someone who could speak on behalf of their diocesan synod in the debate on the DSM and then to draw this to the attention of the person chairing the debate?