

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2009

FIRST NOTICE PAPER

ITEM 16

FORTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1699)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of items 27 to 41: 'That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.'

Standing Order 10 (Notice of Business: Length of Notice – General)

27 In Standing Order 10(a) –

- (a) in sub-paragraph (i) for “4.00 p.m.” substitute “5.30 p.m.”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (ii) for “4.00 p.m.” substitute “10.00 a.m.”;
- (c) in sub-paragraph (iii) for “10.00 a.m. on the day of that sitting” substitute “4.00 p.m. on the day before that sitting”.

Standing Order 19 (Speaking to a Motion)

28 Omit Standing Order 19(b).

Standing Order 26 (Amendments: Delivery)

29 In Standing Order 26(a) –

- (a) in sub-paragraph (ii) –
 - (i) for “4.00 p.m.” substitute “10.00 a.m.”; and
 - (ii) after “on the day before that sitting” insert “(and for the purposes of this Standing Order business listed in the agenda for a group of sessions as contingency business shall be deemed to be

- business appointed for the morning sitting of the second day appointed for that group of sessions)”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (iii) for “10.00 a.m. on the day of that sitting” substitute “4.00 p.m. on the day before that sitting”.

Standing Order 28 (Amendments: Order of Consideration)

- 30** In Standing Order 28(b) for the words from “Until this amendment” to the end substitute “Subject to Standing Order 26(b)(iii), until that amendment has been disposed of no other amendment may be moved.”.

Standing Order 31 (Special Procedural Motions: The Speech Limit)

- 31** For Standing Order 31(a) substitute –
- “(a) If the motion for the speech limit is carried, subject to Standing Order 21(c) no speech shall exceed the number of minutes specified therein, which may be more or less than the number permitted under the time-limit previously in force.”.

Standing Order 33 (Special Procedural Motions: Adjournment of Debate)

- 32** In Standing Order 33(a) after “in the Synod’s agenda” insert “for that sitting”.
- 33** For Standing Order 33(g) substitute –
- “(g) Speeches shall be limited to two minutes. Following the mover of the special procedural motion the mover of the main motion shall have a right to speak and thereafter the question may be further debated at the discretion of the Chairman”.

Standing Order 44 (Other Procedures and Customs: Decorum)

- 34** In Standing Order 44(a) for “session” substitute “sitting”.

Standing Order 55 (Measures: Revision Stage following Revision Committee Stage – General)

35 In Standing Order 55(c) for “again” substitute “against”.

36 For Standing Order 55(d) substitute –

“(d) In the course of, or at the end of, the Revision Stage or any Further Revision Stage a member of the Steering Committee or any other member may move that ‘The Measure entitled (Short Title) be considered for further revision in committee’. If that motion is carried then the provisions of Standing Orders 52 to 54 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such Further Revision Stage save that:

(i) no proposal for amendment shall be to the same, or substantially the same, effect as one previously decided by the Revision Committee or the Synod in relation to the draft Measure, unless:

1. the proposal for amendment is to the same (or substantially the same) effect as an amendment of which notice was given for the purposes of the Revision Stage but which was not decided by the Synod in consequence of the passing of the motion for further revision in the course of the Revision Stage; or
2. the Business Committee so permits (whether before or after such proposal has been submitted) and reports in writing to the Synod setting out its reasons for giving such permission; and

(ii) the period for proposals for amendment to be submitted shall run from the first day of the group of sessions at which the motion for further revision is carried.”.

Standing Order 97 (Reports: Presentations)

37 For Standing Order 97(d) substitute –

“(d) Where a presentation relates to a report to which SO 96 applies, once the presentation has been completed the motions specified in SO 96(a) or (b) may be, but need not be, moved. Further motions in relation to any report to which SO 96(a) applies may also be moved by any member in accordance with SO 95(d).”.

Standing Orders 98 to 101 (Financial Business: Reports, Annual Budget etc.)

38 For Standing Orders 98 to 101 substitute –

“Reports

98. The Archbishops’ Council or the Church Commissioners may submit to the Synod at any time such reports as they think fit upon the financial implications of any item of business included in the Synod’s agenda or any notice paper. Where such a report has been submitted, the relevant motion shall not be voted upon by the Synod until either:

- (a) a member of the Council or the Commissioners (as the case may be), or a member nominated by them for the purpose, has been called upon by the Chairman to speak to its report; or
- (b) the Council or the Commissioners (as the case may be) have indicated to the Chairman that they do not wish any member to be called upon by the Chairman to speak to their report.

Annual Budget

99. The Archbishops’ Council shall each year prepare a budget indicating its expected income and expenditure for the following year, including a statement of its proposals as regards the use and retention of reserves in the following year and its reserves policy generally. The statement of expected expenditure shall distinguish between that in respect of the work of the Council generally and that in respect of such specific areas of activity within its work (such as training for the ministry) as the Council may in any year determine.

Presentation to the Synod of annual accounts, budget and proposals for apportionment

- 100.** (a) Not later than 30th June in each year, the Archbishops' Council shall send to every member:
- (i) the auditor's report for the preceding year together with the accounts for that year;
 - (ii) its budget for the following year; and
 - (iii) its proposals for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the Church of England of the amount respectively proposed to be paid by them to the Council to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget ('the apportionment').
- (b) Except by permission of the Chairman and with the general consent (as defined in SO 131) of the Synod, the Council's budget and its proposals for the apportionment shall not be considered by the Synod unless copies have been posted or delivered to every member not less than 14 days before such consideration.
- (c) The Synod shall be invited to approve, not later than 31st July in each year:
- (i) the Council's budget; and
 - (ii) its proposals for the apportionment for the following year.
- (d) When the Synod shall have approved the Council's budget:
- (i) the amounts approved as expected expenditure in respect of the work of the Council generally shall be applied to that purpose (but so that funds which are not in the event required to be expended on any area of the Council's work in the year to which the budget relates may be

- applied to any area of the Council's work in a subsequent year or years); and
- (ii) the amounts approved in respect of any specific area of activity shall be applied to that area of activity (but so that funds which are not in the event required to be expended in the year to which the budget relates may be applied to that area of activity in any subsequent year or years).

Supplementary Apportionment

- 101.** (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below, if the Archbishops' Council finds in any year that further sums are required from the dioceses to enable it to meet its expected expenditure for that year, it may submit to the Synod proposals for a supplementary apportionment amongst the dioceses of the amount respectively proposed to be paid by them to the Council to enable the Council to meet that expenditure; and the Synod shall be invited to approve that supplementary apportionment.
- (b) Except by permission of the Chairman and with the general consent (as defined in SO 131) of the Synod, the Council's proposals for a supplementary apportionment shall not be considered by the Synod unless copies have been posted or delivered to every member not less than 14 days before such consideration.”.

Standing Order 105 (Questions: General)

- 39** In Standing Order 105(a)(vi) for “(vii)” substitute “(viii)”.

Standing Order 122 (Crown Nominations Commission)

- 40** In SO122(f)(v), for the words from “Members shall be invited” to the end substitute –
- “The Commission shall indicate a preference between the two names submitted to the Prime Minister, determined by

a vote conducted by a secret ballot: provided that in the event of an equality of votes on such a ballot when the Commission is considering a vacancy in the Archbishopric of Canterbury or in the Archbishopric of York, the vote of the person presiding shall not be counted and in the event of an equality of votes in all other cases, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.”

Standing Order 124 (Officers and Staff: Registrar)

41 In Standing Order 124, after “The Registrar (as defined in Standing Order 131)” insert “or some other legally qualified person nominated by him for the purpose”.

Notes:

1. The business contained in this Notice Paper was originally scheduled to be taken at the July 2008 group of sessions, but in the event was held over.
2. The Business Committee has determined under SO 39(c) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in Items 28, 30–39 and 41 in this Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
3. Under SO 39(c) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
 - due notice is given by **not less than 5 members** that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
 - due notice is given of an amendment to any proposed amendment.
3. Due notice of amendments was given in July in respect of items 27, 29 and 40. Details of those amendments, and of any others of which due notice is given, will appear in the appropriate Order Paper.