

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2017

ELEVENTH NOTICE PAPER

Notice of motions and amendments received. Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the daily Order Papers.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029B)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 37 (GS 2029BB)

Article 7 business

Having made no amendment, the House of Bishops has resolved that, subject to the requirements of the Synod's Standing Orders concerning reference of the items of business listed above to the Convocations and the House of Laity, those items of business be returned to the Synod for consideration on the Final Approval Stage.

The President and Prolocutor of the Convocation of Canterbury, the President and Prolocutor of the Convocation of York and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity have decided not to require a reference of these items of business under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution.

Accordingly, the afternoon sitting on Sunday 9 July 2017 will end at 7.00 p.m. and Item 16 on the Synod's Agenda (Schools Admissions Code (GS 2073A and GS 2073B)) will be taken.

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The following Private Member's Motion has been received and will be available for signature in the Concourse.

Mrs Janet Perrett (Ely) to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the very substantial increase in the Church Commissioners' general fund in 2016;
- (b) the increasing attention being given to the well-being and morale of clergy, including those who are retired, as stipendiary clergy numbers are reduced;
- (c) the decreasing value of clergy pensions as result of:
 - (i) the extension of the retirement age to 67 and the increased number of years in service required for a full pension;
 - (ii) the reduction of the clergy pension from two-thirds of National Minimum Stipend to one half, despite the abolition of additional state pension support which was the rationale for this change; and
- (d) the current deficit in the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme,

call on the Archbishops' Council to introduce draft legislation to enable the Church Commissioners to make such additional provision from their capital reserves following last year's excellent performance as will enable the restoration of clergy pensions to a credible level in the future.