Following the visitation charge to Peterborough Cathedral issued by the Rt Revd Donald Allister, Bishop of Peterborough, a spokesperson for The Church Commissioners said:

"We were made aware of the financial difficulties at Peterborough Cathedral last year and have worked with both the cathedral and Bishop Donald to provide support.

The Commissioners have provided practical assistance to the cathedral, both in terms of direct financial support and providing consultancy advice and sought to support the Bishop in his visitation. The Commissioners and the Archbishops' Council will consider carefully Bishop Donald's reflections concerning the governance of cathedrals under the Cathedrals Measure. Any considerations would include consultation with the House of Bishops, dioceses and other cathedrals prior to deciding whether to bring forward any proposals for change.

Cathedrals offer spiritual sanctuary for millions of people each year and are the jewels in the nation's heritage crown. The financial problems that have faced Peterborough Cathedral are being resolved. Together our 42 cathedrals will continue to serve their communities and prosper for the benefit of future generations."