

GENERAL SYNOD

HOUSE OF LAITY

Standing Committee

**Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee
held at 5.15 p.m. on Wednesday 17 February 2016
at Church House, Westminster**

Present: Jamie Harrison (Chair); Elizabeth Paver (Vice Chair); Lorna Ashworth (AC); Lucy Docherty (Appts Cttee); Sarah Finch (Appts Cttee); Anne Foreman (B. Cttee); Robert Hammond (B. Cttee); Clive Scowen (B. Cttee)

Apologies: Rachel Jepson (Appts Cttee); Mark Russell (AC)

Staff: Adrian Iles (Legal Adviser to the House); Nicholas Hills (Secretary)

1. Appeal Panel constituted under Schedule 4 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

- 1.1. The Legal Adviser clarified that the legal qualification within the meaning of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 needed now to be current and not simply to have existed at some time in the past.
- 1.2. The Secretary proposed to clarify with the members listed in the letter from the Chief Legal Adviser that they met the current legal qualification requirement, and to send an email to members of the House canvassing expressions of interest in serving on the Appeal Panel.
- 1.3. It was hoped that the appointment of the Appeal Panel could be settled by email correspondence.

Action: Secretary

2. Possible co-option to the Standing Committee

- 2.1. The Standing Committee did not think that there was any need at this time to co-opt anyone to the Standing Committee, but agreed to bear in mind the provision at SO 5(b) of the House for the future.

3. Meetings of the House and Standing Committee in July

- 3.1. It was agreed that the House should meet immediately before the July group of sessions. There would be two items on the agenda:
 - (i) Introduction of those members of the House elected to various positions;
 - (ii) Presentation by the lead members of the Lay Leadership and the Lay Ministry task groups. It was agreed that this should be a joint presentation that sought to join up the two work streams.
- 3.2. The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of the Business Committee to draw to her attention the House's wish to meet and to ask her to take this into consideration when the Business Committee met to settle the agenda for the

July group of sessions, as the start time for the group of sessions would affect what time the House could meet.

- 3.3. The Standing Committee agreed to meet briefly following breakfast on the Saturday morning of the July group of sessions.

Action: Chair

4. Any other business

- 4.1. There was none.