

# GENERAL SYNOD

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## FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2015

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### FIRST NOTICE PAPER

#### **FIFTIETH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1984)**

*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester)* to move in respect of items 19 to 77 'That this amendment be made with effect from 13th February 2015.':

#### **Standing Order 10 (length of notice for amendments to legislative business etc.)**

- 19 In Standing Order 10, in paragraph (c), for "one clear day" *substitute* "three clear days".
- 20 In Standing Order 10, in paragraph (c), *omit* the words from "or if no such day" to the end.
- 21 In Standing Order 10, in paragraph (d), *omit* the words from "or if no such day" to the end.

#### **Standing Order 16 (right to speak)**

- 22 In Standing Order 16, in paragraph (a), for "to indicate" *substitute* "or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means".

#### **Standing Order 24 (reconsideration)**

- 23 In Standing Order 24, in paragraph (a)(i), for "substantially similar form" *substitute* "form which is substantially to the same effect".

#### **Standing Order 25 (amendments: when permitted / not permitted)**

- 24 In Standing Order 25, in paragraph (a), after "which has been duly moved", *insert* "(including to a motion which was also

included in the agenda of an earlier group of sessions but which was adjourned or not considered, or to an amendment of which notice was given at an earlier group of sessions but which was not reached)".

### **Standing Order 26 (amendments: delivery)**

25 In Standing Order 26, in paragraph (a), for "in writing and signed by the mover" *substitute* " , either in writing signed by the mover or by facsimile or e-mail sent from an address previously notified by the mover to the Clerk to the Synod,".

### **Standing Order 27 (amendments: content)**

26 In Standing Order 27, in paragraph (a), after "Clause" *insert* "or Schedule".

### **Standing Order 37 (procedure on voting)**

27 In Standing Order 37, in paragraph (d), for "counted" *substitute* "recorded".

28 In Standing Order 37, in paragraph (e), for "counted" *substitute* "recorded".

### **Standing Order 44 (decorum)**

29 In Standing Order 44, in paragraph (c), before "do so standing" *insert* "(if able)".

### **Standing Order 46 (measures providing for subordinate legislation)**

30 In Standing Order 46, in paragraph (b), at the end *insert* "; nor does it include an instrument which only—  
(i) appoints a day for the commencement of a provision, or  
(ii) makes consequential, incidental, supplemental, transitional or transitory provisions or savings."

### **Standing Order 47 (Consolidation Measures)**

31 In Standing Order 47, in paragraph (c), after "would be" *insert* "to reinstate the text of or".

32 In Standing Order 47, in paragraph (c), after “those enactments” *insert* “or to correct a textual error in the Measure”.

**Standing Order 51A (First Consideration Stage: consolidation measures)**

33 In Standing Order 51A, in paragraph (d), for “, if he thinks fit,” *substitute* “on behalf of the Committee”.

**Standing Order 53 (Revision Committee Stage: consideration)**

34 In Standing Order 53, in paragraph (a), after “any new Clause” *insert* “or Schedule”.

35 In Standing Order 53, after paragraph (e) *insert*—

“(ea) All Schedules and the Preamble and Title of the Measure shall be in like manner considered, but the consideration of the Preamble and of the Title shall be postponed until all the Clauses and Schedules have been disposed of, and the Title shall be considered after the Preamble.”

**Standing Order 55 (Revision Stage following Revision Committee Stage: general)**

36 In Standing Order 55, in paragraph (b), at the end *insert* “; and the references in the subsequent provisions of this Standing Order to a Clause accordingly include a reference to a Schedule”.

37 In Standing Order 55, in paragraph (d), after “a member of the Steering Committee may” *insert* “on behalf of the Committee”.

38 In Standing Order 55, in paragraph (d), after “move” *insert* “, or any other member may move,”.

39 In Standing Order 55, *omit* paragraph (e).

40 In Standing Order 55, in paragraph (f), after “a member of the Steering Committee may” *insert* “on behalf of the Committee and”.

### **Standing Order 56 (Revision Stage following Revision Committee Stage: amendments)**

- 41 In Standing Order 56, in paragraph (e), after “stand in their places” *insert* “or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means that they wish the debate to continue”.
- 42 In Standing Order 56, at the end *insert*—
- “(i) The references in this Standing Order to a Clause include a reference to a Schedule.”

### **Standing Order 58 (Further Revision Committee Stages)**

- 43 Standing Order 58 is *repealed*.

### **Standing Order 59 (Final Drafting Stage)**

- 44 In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (g)(i), for “where only the wording of the Measure is altered and not its substance” *substitute* “to clarify any remaining uncertainties of meaning or to improve the drafting”.
- 45 In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (g)(ii), after “an amendment” *insert* “(other than a Drafting Amendment)”.
- 46 In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (g)(ii), for the words from “because the Measure” to the end *substitute* “and which does not reopen an issue which has been decided by the Synod or any Revision Committee in relation to the Measure”.

### **Standing Order 61 (Final Approval Stage)**

- 47 In Standing Order 61, in paragraph (d), for “it shall not be considered again on the First Consideration Stage in the same form” *substitute* “, a Measure containing provisions which in the opinion of the Presidents, the Prolocutors and the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the House of Laity are to the same or substantially the same effect shall not be considered again on the First Consideration Stage”.

### **Standing Order 62 (withdrawal by Steering Committee)**

- 48 In Standing Order 62, after “a member of the Steering Committee may” *insert* “on behalf of the Committee”.

### **Standing Order 63 (withdrawal by Legislative Committee and re-introduction)**

49 In Standing Order 63, in paragraph (d), for “all the Clauses” *substitute* “such of the Clauses as require to be considered”.

50 In Standing Order 63, at the end *insert*—

“(f) The references in this Standing Order to a Clause include a reference to a Schedule.”

### **Standing Order 67 (re-introduction of a Canon)**

51 In Standing Order 67, in paragraph (c), for “all the paragraphs” *substitute* “such of the paragraphs as require to be considered”.

### **Standing Order 69 (Procedure for Deeming)**

52 In Standing Order 69, in paragraph (e), for “an order”, in each place it appears, *substitute* “an instrument”.

53 In Standing Order 69, in paragraph (e), for the words from “section 5” to “Pastoral Measure 1983” *substitute* “a Measure if doing so is not permitted by that Measure”.

54 In Standing Order 69, in paragraph (f), after “the Consolidation Instrument” *insert* “or to correct a textual error in the Consolidation Instrument”.

### **Standing Order 71E (procedure for consideration of scheme: motion for reconsideration)**

55 In Standing Order 71E, in paragraph (f)(ii), after “stand in their places” *insert* “or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means their support for the motion,”.

### **Standing Order 75A (reports on questions of doctrine)**

56 In Standing Order 75A, in paragraph (a)(iii), for “indicate by standing in their places” *substitute* “stand in their places or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means”.

### **Standing Order 77 (optional re-committal following Revision Committee Stage)**

- 57 In Standing Order 77, in paragraph (a), after “stand in their places” *insert* “or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means that they wish the debate to continue”.
- 58 In Standing Order 77, in paragraph (b), after “A member of the Steering Committee may” *insert* “on behalf of the Committee”.

### **Standing Order 79 (further revision stage)**

- 59 In Standing Order 79, in paragraph (e), after “stand in their places” *insert* “or (if unable to do so) indicate by some other means that they wish the debate to continue”.

### **Standing Order 79A (Final Revision Stage)**

- 60 In Standing Order 79A, in paragraph (a), after “a member of the Steering Committee may” *insert* “on behalf of the Committee”.

### **Standing Order 79B (minor adjustments to forms of service)**

- 61 In Standing Order 79B, in paragraph (c)(i), for “his support for” *substitute* “that the Committee support”.
- 62 In Standing Order 79B, in paragraph (c)(ii), for “he does not support” *substitute* “the Committee do not support”.

### **Standing Order 90 (procedure for reference of Article 8 business to diocesan synods)**

- 63 In Standing Order 90, in paragraph (a)(i), for “as may be considered necessary” *substitute* “as the Business Committee consider necessary”.
- 64 In Standing Order 90, in paragraph (b)(iv), for “if recorded” *substitute* “if required to be recorded”.

### **Standing Order 105 (questions – general)**

- 65 In Standing Order 105, in paragraph (a)(v), for the words from “any body” to the end *substitute* “any committee of the Archbishops’ Council to which members of the Synod are elected or appointed.”

### **Standing Order 108 (procedure for reply to questions for oral answer)**

66 In Standing Order 108, in paragraph (c), for “some other member of the Synod who is a member of the body concerned” *substitute* “another member of the body (whether or not that person is also a member of the Synod)”.

### **Standing Order 115 (Business Committee)**

67 In Standing Order 115, in paragraph (a)(v), at the end *insert* “appointed by the Council”.

### **Standing Order 116 (Appointments Committee of the Church of England)**

68 In Standing Order 116, in paragraph (a)(v), at the end *insert* “appointed by the Council”.

### **Standing Order 118 (Business, Appointments, Legislative and Standing Orders Committees)**

69 In Standing Order 118, in paragraph (d), before “Parliament” *insert* “either House of”.

### **Standing Order 119 (bodies answerable to the Synod)**

70 For Standing Order 119 and the preceding heading *substitute*—

#### **“ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL**

#### **119. Membership of Committees**

No member of the Synod shall, except with the consent of the Business Committee—

- (i) serve concurrently on more than one committee of the Archbishops’ Council to which members of the Synod are elected or appointed, or
- (ii) stand for election to more than one committee of the Archbishops’ Council to which members of the Synod are elected.”

### **Standing Order 120 (Elections)**

- 71 In Standing Order 120, in paragraph (d)(iv), after “copy of” *insert* “the return and”.
- 72 In Standing Order 120, in paragraph (e)(ii), at the end *insert* “In the event of a vacancy not being filled by the end of the period of six months referred to in this paragraph, the Business Committee shall give directions as to the date by which the vacancy must be filled.”

### **Standing Order 122 (Crown Nominations Commission)**

- 73 In Standing Order 122, in paragraph (f)(i), *omit* “For the purposes of these Standing Orders the Commission shall not be a body referred to in SO 119(a) and”.

### **Standing Order 124 (Registrar)**

- 74 In Standing Order 124, in paragraph (a), for “its Houses and any bodies referred to in SO 119(a)” *substitute* “or its Houses”.

### **Standing Order 128 (representation of the Synod on other bodies)**

- 75 In Standing Order 128, in paragraph (a), for “not being a body referred to in SO 119(a)” *substitute* “other than a committee of the Archbishops’ Council”.

### **Standing Order 129 (press and public: admission, right to address Synod, etc.)**

- 76 In Standing Order 129, in paragraph (b), after “Subject to SOs 97,” *insert* “108,”.

### **Standing Order 130 (procedural defects)**

- 77 In Standing Order 130, in paragraph (a), *omit* “or a meeting of any body referred to in SO 119(a),”.