

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2015

FIRST NOTICE PAPER

FIFTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1991)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of items 29 to 44 ‘That this amendment be made with immediate effect’:

Standing Order 105 (questions: general)

- 29 In Standing Order 105, in paragraph (a), *omit* “(for oral or written answer)”.
- 30 In Standing Order 105, in paragraph (b), after “any one group of sessions” *insert* “under SO 106A”.
- 31 In Standing Order 105, *omit* paragraph (c).

New Standing Order 106A (Circulation of Questions and Answers)

- 32 After Standing Order 106, *insert*—

“106A. Circulation of Questions and Answers

- (a) A written copy of each question of which notice has been given for answer at a group of sessions, and of the answer to be given to that question, shall be circulated to every member at least one clear day before the day on which the answer is due to be given at that group of sessions.
- (b) A question to the Chairman of a body falling within SO 105(a)(i), (ii), (v) or (vi) may, if the Chairman so directs,

be answered by another member of the body (whether or not that person is also a member of the Synod).

- (c) A single answer may be given to more than one question.”

Standing Order 107 (supplementary questions)

33 In Standing Order 107, in paragraph (a), *omit* “oral”.

Standing Order 108 (procedure for reply to questions for oral answer at groups of sessions)

34 In Standing Order 108, for the title *substitute* “Procedure for Reply to Supplementary Questions”.

35 In Standing Order 108, in paragraph (a), after “the answering of” *insert* “supplementary questions in respect of original”.

36 In Standing Order 108, in paragraph (b), after “who are to answer” *insert* “such supplementary questions as may be asked in respect of the original”.

37 In Standing Order 108, for paragraph (c) *substitute*—

“(c) Where a question asked of the Chairman of a body falling within SO 105(a)(i), (ii), (v) or (vi) has, in reliance on SO 106A(b), been answered by another member of the body, any supplementary question in respect of that question must also be answered by that other member of the body.”

38 In Standing Order 108, *omit* paragraph (d).

39 In Standing Order 108, in paragraph (e), for “oral answer to a question or”, *substitute* “answer to a”.

40 In Standing Order 108, *omit* paragraph (f).

Standing Order 109 (circulation of questions and answers)

41 Standing Order 109 is *repealed*.

Standing Order 113 (attendance and right to speak)

42 In Standing Order 113, in subparagraph (c)(iii), *omit* “oral or written”.

Standing Order 113A (representatives of the Church of England Youth Council and Deaf Anglicans Together: attendance and right to speak)

43 In Standing Order 113A, paragraph (d), *omit* “oral or written”.

Standing Order 113B (vacancy in see: attendance and right to speak)

44 In Standing Order 113B, paragraph (b), *omit* “oral or written”.

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of items 45 to 49 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 14th July 2015.’:

Standing Order 10 (length of notice for questions)

45 In Standing Order 10, in subparagraph (b)(i), for “5.30 pm” *substitute* “12 noon”.

Standing Order 69 (procedure for deeming)

46 In Standing Order 69, in subparagraph (a)(i), after “Measure” *insert* “or Canon”.

47 In Standing Order 69, in subparagraph (a)(ii), after “Measure” *insert* “or Canon”.

48 In Standing Order 69, in paragraph (e), after “Measure” in each place it appears *insert* “or Canon”.

Standing Order 130A (circulation of documents)

49 In Standing Order 130A, for paragraphs (a) and (b) *substitute*—

- “(a) Documents to be sent to members are to be sent by electronic means only, except in the case of a member who by notice in writing addressed to the Clerk to the Synod has elected to receive documents by post.
- (b) References in the Standing Orders to the posting, delivery, circulation or sending of documents to members are to be read in light of paragraph (a).”

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of item 50 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 15th July 2015.’:

50 ‘For Standing Orders 1 to 131 *substitute* Standing Orders 1 to 154 as set out in GS 2000’.

Note:

The Business Committee has determined, under SO 39(bb)(i), that the effect of item 50 is to consolidate the existing Standing Orders, with corrections. In consequence, under SO 39(bb)(ii), no amendment of item 50 will be in order unless it would have the effect of reinstating the text of, or making corrections to, the existing Standing Orders.