

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2014

FIRST NOTICE PAPER

FORTY-NINTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1954)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester) to move in respect of items 32 to 38 'That this amendment be made with effect from 16th July 2014.':

Standing Order 53 (Revision Committee Stage - Consideration)

32 In Standing Order 53 for paragraph (g) *substitute* –

“(g) The Chairman of the Committee may, if he considers that their business can properly be conducted by correspondence, instruct the Secretary to circulate to the Committee in writing or by electronic means proposals requiring their approval (which may include a draft of any report to the Synod) within such number of days (not being less than seven) from the date of their posting or transmission (as the case may be) as the Chairman may specify. If such period is less than fourteen days, the proposals so circulated shall be deemed to have been approved by the Committee with the same effect as if they had been approved at a duly convened meeting unless objection is received from any member of the Committee (in writing or by electronic means). If such period is fourteen days or more, the proposals so circulated shall be deemed to have been approved by the Committee with the same effect as if they had been approved at a duly convened meeting upon a majority of the members of the Committee giving their approval to the proposals (in writing or by electronic means).

(gg) The power conferred by paragraph (g) shall not be exercised so as to prevent a member who has submitted a proposal for amendment under paragraph (a), and who wishes to do so, from attending a meeting of the committee at which his proposal is considered and speaking in regard to that proposal or authorising another member of the Synod to attend such a meeting and speak on his behalf.”.

Standing Order 65 (Procedure for Considering Drafts)

33 In Standing Order 65(b) before “promulge and execute” *insert* “make,”.

Standing Order 66 (Procedure for Enactment)

34 In Standing Order 66(a) before “promulge and execute” *insert* “make,” and before “promulged and executed” *insert* “made,”.

Standing Order 69 (Procedure for Deeming)

35 In Standing Order 69(c) after “by not later than 5.30 p.m. on” *insert* “(i)” and after “such business to be considered or” *insert* “(ii)”.

Standing Order 123 (Secretary General)

36 In Standing Order 123 for paragraph (a) *substitute* –

“(a) The person appointed by the Archbishops’ Council in accordance with paragraph 16 of Schedule 1 to the National Institutions Measure 1998 as the Secretary General of the Council shall, subject to the approval of the Synod, be the Secretary General of the Synod. Such approval will be deemed to have been given unless, within 14 days of notification being sent to the members of the Synod, 40 or more members give notice in accordance with SO 12 that they wish the appointment to be debated. If 40 or more members give such notice the appointment will only be approved upon the Synod passing a resolution to that effect.”

Standing Order 123A (Clerk)

37 In Standing Order 123 for paragraph (a) *substitute* –

“(a) The Presidents, on the advice of the Business Committee, shall appoint a person to be the Clerk to the Synod, such appointment to be subject to the approval of the Synod. Such approval will be deemed to have been given unless, within 14 days of notification being sent to the members of the Synod, 40 or more members give notice in accordance with SO 12 that they wish the appointment to be debated. If 40 or more members give such notice the appointment will only be approved upon the Synod passing a resolution to that effect.”

Standing Order 131 (Definitions)

38 In Standing Order 131 in the definition of “*Secretary General*” for “appointed pursuant to the National Institutions Measure 1998” *substitute* “appointed in the manner described in SO 123(a)”.

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 39(c) that all the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 32 to 38 of this Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
2. Under Standing Order 39(c) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
 - notice is given by **not less than 5 members** by 5.30 p.m. on Friday 11th July that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
 - notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th July of an amendment to any proposed amendment.