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BATH & WELLS SEE HOUSE

Mr Andrew Mackie to reply as Third Church Estates Commissioner

Mr Timothy Hind (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q1 Given that Bishop Peter Price announced on 5 November 2012 his intention to retire in June 2013 and the local outcry regarding the announcement that the new Bishop will not be housed in the Bishop's Palace in Wells, what is the Board of Governors doing to ensure that in future any such announcements are not made merely 12 days before the good news of the appointment of a new Bishop?

The Revd Mark Steadman (Southwark) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q2 In the light of public and media concern, will the Commissioners publish the minutes of the Bishops and Cathedrals Committee and the Board meetings at which discussions about the Bishop's residence in Wells took place, so that the reasons behind their decisions can be made clear?

The Ven Andrew Piggott (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q3 Given that the Church Commissioners' statement concerning where the next Bishop of Bath and Wells would live refers to their decision enabling the bishop "to carry out his ministry and mission in a more sustainable way" and enabling him to "live in more privacy", could they please:

- Explain what they meant by 'more sustainable' and how the 'sustainability of the palace accommodation was assessed;
- Confirm that in making their decision they carefully considered its potential impact on the mission and ministry of the newly appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells; and
- State whether any other factors apart from the two mentioned in the statement played any part in their thinking.

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q4 Will the Church Commissioners set out the criteria (including financial matters) they use for housing a Diocesan Bishop; and explain in what ways the present 4-bedroom Bishop's apartment within the Bishop's Palace at Wells falls short of those criteria?

Ms Christina Baron (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q5 What are the criteria used by the Bishops and Cathedrals Committee for determining the suitability of accommodation for diocesan bishops and by which specific criterion/criteria was the existing four-bedroom apartment in the Bishop's Palace at Wells judged to be unsuitable?

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q6 At the public meeting held in Wells on 25 January, the Second Church Estates Commissioner repeatedly told an animated roomful of people that the Commissioners' decision to move the incoming Bishop's residence from the apartment in the Bishop's Palace to another house "would not be reconsidered". He also repeatedly said "I will take your concerns back to the Board of Governors". If his first statement is correct, how will the Board deal with the second one?

The Ven Andrew Piggott (Bath & Wells) to ask the Church Commissioners:

- Q7** What are the expected financial implications for the Commissioners of the decision to
- i) empty the existing Bishop's apartment in the Bishop's Palace;
 - ii) buy a temporary house outside Wells; and
 - iii) to then buy a permanent house in Wells?

The Ven Christine Hardman to reply on behalf of the Presidents

Miss Fay Wilson-Rudd (Bath & Wells) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

- Q8** What procedures are in place for the wider church to review decisions made by the Church Commissioners when those decisions give rise to complaints from a diocese that is affected or from organisations in the wider community that object?

HOUSE OF BISHOPS

The Bishop of Wakefield to reply on behalf of the Chair

The Very Revd David Brindley (Deans) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

- Q9** Has the House discussed the Theos report *Spiritual Capital* which analyses the mission of Cathedrals in the twenty first century?

The Archbishop of Canterbury to reply

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

- Q10** Has an assessment been made of any implications of the appointment of the Revd Dr Tory Baucum as one of Canterbury Cathedral's Six Preachers from the point of view of the relationship between the Church of England and ACNA (with which the Church of England is not currently in communion)?

The Archbishop of York to reply

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Coles (London) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q11 Has the House had any discussion of the extent to which the primates of the Anglican Communion are complying with the communiqué which they themselves agreed at their meeting in Dromantine in February 2005, in which they stated that “we continue unreservedly to be committed to the pastoral support and care of homosexual people”?

The Bishop of Sheffield to reply on behalf of the Chair

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q12 With regard to the College of Bishops’ request to the Archbishops to commission the design of (i) a process for facilitated conversations on the subject of sexuality, involving profound reflection on the interpretation and application of Scripture, and (ii) additional materials to support and enable them, will the Chair of the House of Bishops give assurances that the design will ensure that:

- the process will not be a “one way street” intended at the outset to lead to a change in the church’s teaching or pastoral practice concerning sexuality or marriage;
- the primary purpose of the conversations will be to enable participants’ views to be clearly articulated, heard and understood, rather than to change participants’ views;
- the conversations will be professionally facilitated in a way which does not steer them to any particular conclusion;
- the conversations will not be premised on the proposition that scripture is not clear about these matters; and
- participants who believe that scripture clearly teaches that having sexual relationships, otherwise than within the marriage covenant between one man and one woman, is not consistent with Christian discipleship will be free fully to articulate and explain that view?

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q13 Why, in light of the Statement on the Pilling Report by the College of Bishops (issued 27 January 2014) which emphasises upholding the Church of England's commitment to biblical orthodoxy on God's purpose for sexual expression (within marriage between one man and one woman), is a two-year process of facilitated conversation taking place, if such a process is not intended to change the orthodoxy?

The Revd John Cook (Oxford) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q14 Given the College of Bishops' request to the Archbishops to commission the design of a process for facilitated conversation on sexuality, can the Chair of the House of Bishops give an assurance that the process and additional materials will focus first on scripture and its perspicuity, so that experience and culture are responded to in the light of a clear understanding of Scripture?

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q15 Has consideration been given to the implications for the Church of England of the coming into force in March 2014 of the legislation allowing same-sex marriages, including from the point of view of the status of such marriages?

The Revd Mark Steadman (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q16 In the light of the Association of Christian Counsellors' recent decision on ethical grounds and 'in the interests of public safety' to ask its members not to use Reparative or Conversion therapies, has the House of Bishops considered issuing guidance to the clergy to address the safeguarding issues that may arise from encouraging someone to engage in such therapy?

The Revd Canon Dr Hazel Whitehead (Guildford) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q17 Has the House of Bishops considered what action it will take should any Theological Education Institution [TEI], which has not been granted exemption through the proper Ministry Division channels, declares that they are not willing to work with Common Awards and the University of Durham but will continue with their own validation process through a different university?

The Bishop of Chelmsford to reply on behalf of the Chair

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q18 In the light of a recent public showing in a cathedral of the Martin Scorsese film *The Last Temptation of Christ* (which contains material graphically showing Jesus succumbing to temptation and involved in an explicitly sexual act with Mary Magdalene) has the House given any advice as to the application of the requirement of Canon F 16.1 that the words, music and pictures involved in any plays, concerts or exhibitions of films and pictures in churches “are such as befit the House of God, are consonant with sound doctrine, and make for the edifying of the people”?

The Revd Dr Patrick Richmond (Norwich) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q19 In the light of the fact that church growth is one of the three Quinquennial Goals, and of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s recent statement that “Where you have a good vicar, you will find growing churches”, has the House given any consideration to the link between the skills of clergy and church growth and how to encourage clergy whose churches are not growing?

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to ask the Chair of the House of Bishops:

Q20 In view of the fact that the Church is God’s vehicle for carrying the Christian faith from generation to generation, what steps are planned to ensure that this is achieved, bearing in mind the very disappointing findings among under 30s shown in recent surveys from David Voas and Linda Woodhead?

SECRETARY GENERAL

Mr William Fittall to reply

Dr Edmund Marshall (St Albans) to ask the Secretary General:

Q21 What advice is currently offered by the National Church Institutions to Parochial Church Councils who have registered the right to enforce Chancel Repair Liability?

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Bishop of Oxford to reply as Chair of the Board of Education

Mr Robin Hall (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q22 Will the materials to tackle homophobic bullying in Church of England schools be available in time for the beginning of the 2014/15 school year in September?

Mr Robin Hall (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q23 Given that the Board of Education does not have the resources itself to collate data on bullying from its schools, has any consideration been given to working with Diocesan Boards of Education to collate this publicly available data?

Mr Andrew Presland (Peterborough) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q24 What plans does the Board of Education have to work with Christian organisations to tackle homophobic and other types of bullying – such as by identifying anti-bullying projects run by local churches for schools in their area, and then seeking to replicate the model nationally?

Mr Nicholas Harding (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q25 The Church of England Youth Council celebrates its first 10 years this year. Are there any plans for General Synod or the Church of England centrally to mark and celebrate this milestone?

The Revd Canon Christopher Sugden (Oxford) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q26 What is the outcome of the review by the Board of Education of the RE Council Report on Religious Education?

Mr Nicholas Harding (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q27 Following the recent publication of the church growth report *From Anecdote to Evidence*, with its emphasis on the importance of retaining children, young people and families, how will the Church of England encourage dioceses which currently have no or little central support for this work to rethink their lack of provision?

Canon Dr Adanna Lazz-Onyenobi (Manchester) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q28 From time to time, there are press reports of school teachers being members of the British National Party or the National Front. Has the Board collected information on the systems used by Diocesan Boards of Education to check appointments in Church of England schools?

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to ask the Chair of the Board of Education:

Q29 Is the Chair satisfied that there are sufficient provisions in place in law, and policy to enable schools to ask candidates for employment, governance or other voluntary posts concerning membership of organisations which the Church believes to espouse racist views?

MINISTRY COUNCIL

The Bishop of Sheffield to reply as Chair of the Ministry Council

The Revd Canon Dr Hazel Whitehead (Guildford) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Council:

Q30 Will the Ministry Division be paying fees and maintenance for Anglican ordinands who attend any TEI which is not willing to work within the new Common Awards process through the University of Durham – a process which was approved unanimously by this Synod in all three Houses?

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Division:

Q31 Based on the work carried out to date in respect of *Turning the rhetoric of lay involvement into reality* (GS 1815 paras 18, 19 and 81-83 – *obstacles*, what have been identified as the main obstacles to ‘turning the rhetoric of lay involvement into reality’ within (a) the Church’s ministry and (b) the Church’s mission to the world?

Mr Adrian Greenwood (Southwark) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Division:

Q32 Based on the work carried out to date in respect of *Turning the rhetoric of lay involvement into reality* (GS 1815 paras 18, 19 and 81-83 – *obstacles*, what have been identified as objectives of, benefits to, and impacts on the mission and ministry of the Church through ‘turning the rhetoric of lay involvement into reality’?

Mrs Anne Foreman (Exeter) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Council:

Q33 In the light of Resolution 15:7 entitled Gender-based and Domestic Violence passed by the Anglican Consultative Council in 2012 (Appendix A of GS 1933) how many Theological Colleges and Regional Training Courses in dioceses in the Church of England have adapted their curricula in any of the ways suggested?

Mr Paul Hancock (Liverpool) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Council:

Q34 Are figures available for the current number of Readers actually “in training”, and does this compare with the number of places available nationally?

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to ask the Chair of the Ministry Council:

Q35 Can the Ministry Division please supply numbers of those ordained deacon in each of the last five years following an application for faculty from the Archbishop of Canterbury under Canon C4A, and indicate whether it has conducted any review of the process and, if it has, with what result?

REMUNERATION AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Bishop of Manchester to reply as Chair of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee

WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Tony Redman (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to ask the Chair of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee:

Q36 As at the beginning of 2014, how many dioceses have taken advantage of their ability to pay some or all of the DBF fee for weddings and funerals taken by SSMs and retired clergy with PTO to agree to pay some or all of such fees to SSMs?

MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Mr Philip Fletcher to reply as Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q37 What is the Church of England doing to dialogue with Muslim leaders in the Middle East (with particular reference to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, based in Saudi Arabia) to prevent Salafist-Jihadist inspired persecution of Christians?

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q38 What has the Church of England done to contribute to the summit recently chaired by Baroness Warsi on the persecution of Christians?

Mr Samuel Margrave (Coventry) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q39 What representations have been made to the Girl Guides Association about the change to the Guide promise (under which girls can only promise to “be true to myself and to develop my beliefs” rather than “to love my God”) and, in particular, has any support been given to the 37th Newcastle Unit who wish to give their girls a choice of using either the traditional promise or the new version and was told that their membership would in consequence end on 31 December 2013?

Mrs Mary Durlacher (Chelmsford) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q40 Given the recognised link between widespread access to online pornography and children's confusion over sexuality, is the Church working with Government to protect children from gaining such easy access, and if so, how?

Mrs Mary Durlacher (Chelmsford) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q41 Is the Church engaging in any initiatives with Government to regulate the proliferation of betting facilities – online, on television and on the high street?

Mrs Julie Dziegiel (Oxford) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q42 In addition to encouraging support of credit unions to promote good financial habits in the general population, can consideration also be given to the Church promoting means of increasing basic financial education, such as is provided by the Christians Against Poverty CAP Money course for adults, and also the basic financial education of children and young people in schools?

Mrs Anne Foreman (Exeter) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q43 Given many parishes use the Five Marks of Mission in drawing up their Mission Action Plans, have dioceses been advised of the extension to the fourth mark (to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation) agreed by the Anglican Consultative Council in 2012?

Miss Fay Wilson-Rudd (Bath & Wells) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q44 In view of the economic distress experienced in many communities what action, if any, has the Council taken to assist churches to develop programmes to help people develop healthy lifestyles, including careful housekeeping to reduce the £12 million of food waste being sent annually for recycling?

WRITTEN REPLY

Mrs Rosemary Lyon (Blackburn) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q45 Are there any figures to show how many parishes are participating in the “Real Easter Egg” campaign?

WRITTEN REPLY

The Ven Jonathan LLOYD (Europe) to ask the Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council:

Q46 What plans does MPA have over the coming four years to resource and encourage the Church nationally, regionally and locally to promote peace and reconciliation in Europe and the wider world as central themes during the Centenary Commemorations of the First World War?

CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

The Archbishop of York to reply

Mr Colin Slater (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission:

Q47 Given the proposed timetable for the appointment of the next Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham, not expected to be made until a full year after the departure of Bishop Paul Butler, and not filled until the middle of 2015 – a situation mirrored in some other dioceses – what steps are being taken to reduce the timescale for the appointment of Diocesan Bishops in order to avoid such inordinate and unhelpful delays?

Mrs Pamela Bishop (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission:

Q48 In light of the relatively high turnover of diocesan bishops in recent times, and the current long delay in nominating new diocesan bishops, is there, for the future, any strategic planning in place to facilitate and speed the process for the discernment and appointment of diocesan bishops?

DIOCESES COMMISSION

The Ven Peter Hill to reply as Vice-Chair of the Dioceses Commission

WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Paul Hancock (Liverpool) to ask the Chair of the Dioceses Commission:

Q49 In the Commission's 2013 Annual Report, there is a report on a survey in relation to Joint Diocesan Working. How was the survey carried out, was any attempt made to follow-up the non-responders and, if not, why not?

FAITH AND ORDER COMMISSION

The Bishop of Coventry to reply as Chair of the Faith and Order Commission

The Revd Charles Read (Norwich) to ask the Chair of the Faith and Order Commission:

Q50 What resources and advice already exist from FAOC or its predecessors the Doctrine Commission and the Faith and Order Advisory Group regarding the Church of England's understanding of the historic episcopate, especially as regards the doctrine of apostolic succession?

The Revd Charles Read (Norwich) to ask the Chair of the Faith and Order Commission:

Q51 In its current work on the theology of Church Leadership, is the Commission considering how issues of gender relate to church leadership?

FEES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC to reply on behalf of the Chair of the Fees Advisory Commission

WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Adrian Vincent (Guildford) to ask the Chair of the Fees Advisory Commission:

Q52 GS 1938-9X, the Explanatory Memorandum of the *Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2014* refers to the *Legal Fees Review 2012-13*. Page 27 of that report states:

“11. The Value Added Tax treatment of retainers and faculties should be clarified with a view to establishing them as ‘Outside the Scope of VAT’, partly offsetting the cost increase. We recommend that a working party of registrars, with experience of establishing this, is formed, led by an FAC member and supported by specialist professional accountants, to resolve this matter during the course of 2013. Depending on professional advice and the eventual outcome, substantial VAT refunds may also be achievable for both some dioceses and the Church Commissioners.”

Was a working party established and, if so, what progress did it make?

LITURGICAL COMMISSION

The Bishop of Wakefield to reply as Chair of the Liturgical Commission

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to ask the Chair of the Liturgical Commission:

Q53 In the light of the serious concerns which have led to *Christian Initiation: Additional Texts in Accessible Language* being characterised as ‘baptism lite’, will the Liturgical Commission undertake a fundamental review of the texts before they are brought to the House of Bishops and General Synod for approval?

The Revd John Cook (Oxford) to ask the Chair of the Liturgical Commission:

Q54 Granted the spontaneous growth of petitions for the dead triggered by the appalling slaughter of the First World War, and granted the high degree of publicity events of 100 years ago seem about to generate in this country, and granted that great care is needed in safeguarding the official doctrinal stance of the Church of England, while all Christians are free before God to compose their own personal prayers, can the Chair of the Liturgical Commission undertake that, without the authority of the whole General Synod, no prayers that go beyond the doctrinal base of the Book of Common Prayer will be issued by it or on its behalf, or with its encouragement or support?

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

Mr Andrew Mackie to reply as Third Church Estates Commissioner

The Ven Timothy Barker (Lincoln) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q55 Given the cost of hearings at which the various parties may be present when oral representations are made to a proposed pastoral scheme or order, will the Church Commissioners consider revising their procedures to set a minimum number of objectors to a pastoral scheme or order before the full procedure of a hearing by the Commissioners' Pastoral Committee is allowed?

Dr Jackie Butcher (Sheffield) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q56 Are the Commissioners aware of the concerns of some diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committees that procedures for disposing of redundant churches can drag on for a significant amount of time, and are there plans to review policy and procedure in order to facilitate more readily the appropriate disposal of redundant church buildings so that mission and ministry in the Dioceses can become more sustainable and less hampered by surplus plant?

Mr Andreas Whittam Smith to reply as First Church Estates Commissioner

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q57 What steps will the Commissioners take with a view to (a) raising awareness among General Synod members of the complex investment portfolio now managed by the Church Commissioners and (b) ensuring that elected Governors contain sufficient investment knowledge/confidence to provide appropriate oversight of that portfolio?

Mr David Robilliard (Winchester, Channel Islands) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q58 Please state the costs incurred to date by the Church Commissioners and anticipated future expenditure in respect of

(a) the following commissioned by the Lord Bishop of Winchester

- the Korris report
- the investigation by Dame Heather Steel DBE
- the visitation by Bishop John Gladwin
- the pastoral visitation by the Bishop of Dover and Bishop at Lambeth

and all ancillary costs including, but not limited to, legal fees and other disbursements incurred both by the Lord Bishop and the Dean of Jersey; and

(b) the Commission to be appointed by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury which will examine the relationship between the Channel Islands and Diocese of Winchester and the wider Church.

The Revd Hugh Lee (Oxford) to ask the Church Commissioners:

Q59 How much money has been spent by the Church Commissioners so far on the Mark Sharpe case; what future expenditure has been budgeted for it (including to meet any costs awarded to Mr Sharpe in the event of any further appeal by the Church being unsuccessful); and what advice was sought, and what factors considered, in arriving at the decision to contest this matter legally at the Commissioners' expense, rather than allowing an Employment Tribunal simply to consider whether or not Mr Sharpe was unfairly dismissed?

PENSIONS BOARD

Dr Jonathan Spencer to reply as Chair of the Pensions Board

Mr Robert Hammond (Chelmsford) to ask the Chair of the Pensions Board:

Q60 What action is the Board taking in the light of Mr John Ralfe's comments on Radio 4's *Today* programme concerning the results of the recent valuation of the Church of England Funded Pension Scheme?

Mr William Seddon (St Albans) to ask the Chair of the Pensions Board:

Q61 What is the Board's reaction to the allegation in recent press coverage that the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme is 'the riskiest pension scheme in the country'?

Mr Colin Slater (Southwell & Nottingham) to ask the Chair of the Pensions Board:

Q62 Will the Board undertake a review of the position under which there is the potential for hardship to some clergy pensioners as a result of as much as 30% of their total income, after tax, being paid in rent to the Board when, having already paid personal Income Tax, they also have to meet increasing bills for council tax, water, heating and lighting from what remains?

ETHICAL INVESTMENT ADVISORY GROUP

The Revd Professor Richard Burrige to reply as Deputy Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group

WRITTEN REPLY

The Ven Jonathan LLoyd (Europe) to ask the Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group:

Q63 Given the potential risks and downsides of drilling for oil in the high North, will the Ethical Investment Advisory Group provide an assessment of whether investment in Royal Dutch Shell plc is ethically responsible and indicate in doing so what sources of information, other than that supplied by Royal Dutch Shell, it has taken into consideration?

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL

Mr Philip Fletcher to reply on behalf of the Presidents

WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Cox (Blackburn) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q64 Do those posing the questions in the annual Church statistical returns realise how much time could be saved at parish level and how much more secure the information would be if they announced to the parishes at the beginning of the year what information they wished to gather, rather than at the end of the year and, if so, do they have any plans to adopt a forward looking approach to information gathering?

WRITTEN REPLY

The Revd Canon Dr Simon Cox (Blackburn) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q65 What model of membership was used in drawing up the questions in the annual Church statistical returns relating to those who 'joined' and 'left' worshipping communities in 2013, and how does it relate to 'cultivating your fringes', advocated by many church growth advisers?

Mr John Spence to reply on behalf of the Presidents

WRITTEN REPLY

Mr Andrew Presland (Peterborough) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q66 According to information published on the 'Past Projects' section of the Church and Community Fund website, since the new grant criteria for 2012 to 2014 were introduced just over two years ago, about 40 grants have been awarded under either Theme 1 (neighbourhood renewal) or Theme 2 (new communities of Christian faith), but no grants have been awarded under Theme 3, for projects to 'Replicate models of successful community engagement across the wider church'. Given this:

- i) How many applications has the Fund received for projects under Theme 3 since it was introduced at the start of 2012;
- ii) What are the main reasons for any such applications being unsuccessful; and
- iii) What steps are being taken to increase the number of successful applications made for projects for Theme 3?

Mr Samuel Margrave (Coventry) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q67 At the July 2013 group of sessions, I proposed an amendment to the motion on Welfare Reform and the Church, calling for a national campaign of prayer. In a financial memorandum from the Archbishops' Council signed by Mr Andrew Britton, costs for this were estimated to be £10,000. Can the cost per prayer, and an explanation of how these figures were arrived at, please be provided?

Mr David Robilliard (Winchester, Channel Islands) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q68 Please state the costs incurred to date by the Archbishops' Council and anticipated future expenditure in respect of

(a) the following commissioned by the Lord Bishop of Winchester

- the Korris report
- the investigation by Dame Heather Steel DBE
- the visitation by Bishop John Gladwin
- the pastoral visitation by the Bishop of Dover and Bishop at Lambeth

and all ancillary costs including, but not limited to, legal fees and other disbursements incurred both by the Lord Bishop and the Dean of Jersey; and

(b) the Commission to be appointed by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury which will examine the relationship between the Channel Islands and Diocese of Winchester and the wider Church.

The Bishop of Sheffield to reply on behalf of the Presidents

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q69 With reference to the answer to Question 31 at the November 2013 group of sessions, when will the planned review of missing information be carried out for the new Resource Link system?

Miss Vasantha Gnanadoss (Southwark) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q70 With reference to the answer to Question 32 at the November 2013 group of sessions, has the Ministry Division now changed the form used to collect information at ordination so that data on ethnicity can be released at diocesan level?

The Revd Julie Conalty (Rochester) to ask the Presidents of the Archbishops' Council:

Q71 It was suggested in the debate on the Report of the Business Committee at the November 2013 group of sessions that, in connection with the preparation of *Turning up the Volume*, statistics had been collected by the Bishop of Rochester on appointments of Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic clergy to posts at various levels, diocese by diocese. Has consideration been given to publishing these statistics so that they can serve as a baseline against which to measure further progress?