

GENERAL SYNOD

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE**

**REPORT OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS IN
CHARGE**

Chair: Mrs Penny Granger (Ely)

Members: Miss Anne Ashton (Portsmouth)
Canon Peter Bruinvels (Guildford)
The Reverend David Felix (Chester)
Mrs Sue Johns (Norwich)
The Very Reverend George Nairn-Briggs (the Dean of Wakefield) (Northern Deans)

1. The draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (“the draft Measure”) received First Consideration from the General Synod at the July 2004 Group of Sessions.
2. The draft Measure was committed to a Revision Committee. At the February 2005 Group of Sessions the Synod took note of the Report of that Committee (GS 1555Y) and completed the revision stage for the draft Measure. The draft Measure then stood committed to the Steering Committee under Standing Order 59(a) in respect of its Final Drafting.
3. The Steering Committee has not met since, having conducted its business by correspondence under Standing Order 59(f).
4. The Steering Committee may propose Drafting Amendments or Special Amendments. These are defined in SO 59(g) as follows –
 - (i) a Drafting Amendment means an amendment where only the wording of the Measure is altered and not its substance; and
 - (ii) a Special Amendment means an amendment considered necessary or desirable by the Steering Committee because the Measure is not sufficiently

clear or because some criticism not considered by the Synod or any Revision Committee has been brought to the notice of the Steering Committee.

Drafting Amendments

5. The Steering Committee has agreed the following Drafting Amendments:

Clause 13

In paragraph (b) for all the words following the words “in subparagraph (2)” **substitute** the words “there shall be inserted before the word “member” the word “lay”.”.

Schedule 1

After paragraph 2 **insert** a new paragraph -

“3. In section 1(5) the words “in the first instance” and all the words after “purchaser” to the end shall be omitted.”

and **renumber** paragraphs 3 to 8 as paragraphs 4 to 9 respectively.

Schedule 2

In paragraph 4(1)(a) **insert** the words “and after the words “House of Laity of the General Synod” there shall be inserted the words “, whether or not those persons are members of that House”” immediately after the word “House””.

Schedule 4

After paragraph 3 **insert** a new paragraph -

“4. In section 7(2) the words “, other than subsection (2),” shall be omitted.”

and **renumber** paragraphs 4 and 5 as paragraphs 5 and 6 respectively.

In paragraph 4 (to be renumbered paragraph 5), in the new section 59(2B) **substitute** the words “demolished building” for the words “building demolished” and **leave out** the words “under section 51(4)(d) or 54(2)”.

Schedule 5

In paragraph 11(b) **insert** the words “in subsection (3)” immediately after the word “and” where it second occurs.

In paragraph 16(d) for all the words following the words ““is the owner”” **substitute** “and for the word “are”, in the second place where it occurs, there shall be substituted the word “is”.”.

In paragraph 20(b) **insert** the words “, the fee simple” immediately after the word “abeyance” and **insert** the word “it” immediately after the word “vacant”.

In paragraph 26(b) immediately after the word “vacant”” **insert** the words “and in subparagraphs (a) and (b) for the words “the fee simple”, in each place, there shall be substituted the word “it””.

In paragraph 27(b) immediately after the word “vacant”” **insert** the words “and in subparagraphs (a) and (b) for the words “the fee simple”, in each place, there shall be substituted the word “it””.

In paragraph 28(b) immediately after the word “vacant”” **insert** the words “and for the words “the fee simple” there shall be substituted the word “it””.

Special Amendments

6. The Steering Committee does not propose to move any Special Amendments.

On behalf of the Committee

Penny Granger

Chair

26th May 2005

Destination Table

<u>GS 1555A</u> <u>Draft Measure at end</u> <u>of revision stage</u>	<u>GS 1555B</u> <u>Draft Measure</u> <u>including Drafting</u> <u>Amendments</u>
1 - 16	1 - 16
Schedule 1	Schedule 1
1 - 2	1 - 2
-	3
3 - 8	4 - 9
Schedules 2 and 3	Schedules 2 and 3
Schedule 4	Schedule 4
1 - 3	1 - 3
-	4
4 - 5	5 - 6
Schedules 5 and 6	Schedules 5 and 6