

GENERAL SYNOD

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Report by the Business Committee

Background

1. The Business Committee seeks the approval of the General Synod for the customary resolutions to allocate places for directly elected diocesan representatives to the Lower House of the Convocations and to the House of Laity for the quinquennium 2005 to 2010. The legal requirements upon which these resolutions are based are contained in Canon H2 (as revised by Amending Canon No 26 – to be promulgated at this group of sessions) and rule 36 of the Church Representation Rules (as amended by the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2005).
2. Whilst our principal reason for this report to the Synod is to provide the necessary background information to the resolutions before the Synod, opportunity has also been taken to remind the Synod of the constitutional provisions affecting the timetable and to give notice of future plans for advising dioceses on the procedures to be followed.
3. We would once again wish to express our gratitude to Canon Michael Hodge, Synodical Secretary of the Convocation of Canterbury, who has written and revised the computer program which has been used to make the calculations set out in the Appendices to this report. After making provision for those dioceses with a fixed number of places (Europe and Sodor and Man) and for those dioceses which might not otherwise be entitled to the minimum number of seats (3), the program allocates the last few seats, calculated to 7 decimal places, using the divisor method adopted by the Business Committee. Pursuant to paragraph 2(c) of Canon H2 and rule 36(2) of the Church Representation Rules, the Business Committee has determined that the arithmetic mean divisor method should be used for these purposes. Further details may be found in Appendix VII of GS 1484-7Y.

Allocation of places for Directly Elected Diocesan Proctors

4. Under paragraph 2 of Canon H2, the number of proctors to be elected for a diocese shall be in such proportion to the number of electors in that diocese as shall be determined from time to time by the General Synod. For the purposes of these calculations we asked dioceses to provide us

with the number of electors on the Register of Convocation electors as at 31st July 2004, but using the categories of electors as set out in paragraph 4 of Canon H2 as it would read upon the promulgation of Amending Canon No 26. The Canon goes on to provide a maximum number of proctors to be specially and directly elected for each Province, 136 (2000: 170) in the case of Canterbury and 59 (2000: 80) in the case of York. The *specially elected* proctors are the Deans, the Dean of Jersey or Guernsey and the University Proctors. It is the *directly elected* proctors that this report is concerned with and thus, when the specially elected proctors are deducted from the maximum number, we are left with a maximum of 128 (2000: 125) from the Province of Canterbury and 55 (2000: 58) from the Province of York to be divided amongst the dioceses. It can therefore be seen that, in the case of the directly elected proctors, the reduction in the size of the Synod has had little effect on the number to be elected by dioceses. A further provision of the Canon is that no diocese should have fewer than three directly elected proctors except Europe (2) and Sodor and Man (1).

5. Appendix A shows the number of directly elected proctors proposed to be elected by the dioceses in each Province in 2005. We recommend that, as in the past, the maximum number of directly elected proctors, permitted within the limits of Canon H2 should be elected. However on this occasion there is a mathematical quirk in relation to the numbers for the Province of York. Two dioceses, Blackburn and Liverpool submitted identical figures for their Convocation electors (as did Carlisle and Wakefield; but that does not affect the calculations). The consequence of this is that it is impossible to allocate more than 54 directly elected proctors¹ to be divided amongst the dioceses on the basis (which has been used in appendix A) of the proportion which the provincial quota of seats bears to the number of qualified electors in each diocese in the Province concerned. Thus the numbers proposed are 128 from the Province of Canterbury and 54 from the Province of York. A summary of the result is:

¹ See paragraph 46 of GS 1384-7Y for the Revision Committee's consideration of this problem

	Canterbury (excluding Europe)	York (excluding Sodor and Man)	Both Provinces
Number of Convocation Electors (2000 ² figures in brackets)	9,573 (9,241)	3,300 (3,286)	12,873 (12,527)
Average number of electors to be represented by one directly elected proctor (2000 figures in brackets)	76 (75)	62 (58)	72 (70)

As can be seen from these figures the Province of York has more directly elected proctors per elector than the Province of Canterbury although this is a reduction compared to 2000.

Allocation of places for Directly elected Diocesan Lay Representatives

6. Rule 36 of the Church Representation Rules sets out the requirements in respect of the elections to the House of Laity. For the purposes of the calculations the numbers on electoral rolls in 2004 are used. Maximum numbers for the directly and specially elected are set at 136 (2000: 170) for the Province of Canterbury and 59 (2000: 80) for the Province of York. When the specially elected members are deducted from this we are left with maximum total of 134 for the Province of Canterbury (2000: 166). The total for the Province of York remains at 59. Again the minimum to be directly elected by each diocese is three, except Europe (which has two) and Sodor and Man (which has one). The Rule goes on to provide that the proportion of the directly elected members should, as near as possible, be 70 to 30 between the Province of Canterbury and the Province of York and that the number for each diocese must, as near as possible, be proportionate to the number of names on the electoral rolls in that diocese

7. We are again proposing that the maximum number of lay members be elected as the Rule provides and the number of lay members proposed to be directly elected by each diocese is set out in Appendix B. The total number allocated to each Province (Canterbury 134: York 59) has been divided between the dioceses of the appropriate Provinces as nearly as possible in proportion to the number of names on their electoral rolls, subject to the provisions as the minimum numbers and numbers for the dioceses of Europe and Sodor and Man. The number for the diocese of Winchester is calculated without reference to the electors in the deaneries of Jersey and Guernsey as the representatives of the Channel Islands are

² The figures between 2005 and 2000 are not directly comparable as the categories of Convocation electors has been increased and now include archdeacons and retired clergy on deanery synods

separately elected under the Channel Islands (Representation) Measure 1931. A summary of the result is:

	Canterbury (excluding Europe and the Channel Islands)	York (excluding Sodor and Man)	Both Provinces
Number of persons on Church Electoral Rolls (2000 figures in brackets)	889,458 (967,751)	336,311 (374,442)	1,225,769 (1,342,193)
Average number of such persons to be represented by one member (2000 figures in brackets)	6,738 (5,900)	5,798 (4,800)	6,451 (5,546)

8. The present and recommended future representation of each diocese in both the House of Clergy and Laity is shown in Appendix C and the proposed total composition of the Synod is shown in Appendix D.

Timetable and Conduct of Elections

(a) Proctorial Elections

9. The legal provisions governing the procedure for electing proctors for each diocese are contained in Canon H2 and the Clergy Representation Rules. The timetable for the elections will ultimately depend on the contents of the Royal Writs dissolving the present Convocations and summoning new ones. Meanwhile the clear expectation is that the same timetable will apply to both the proctorial elections and the elections to the House of Laity.

(b) House of Laity Elections

10. Rule 39 of the Church Representation Rules provides that, subject to any directions of the General Synod or the Presidents, elections to the House of Laity shall be held during the three months immediately following the dissolution of the General Synod. We would expect dissolution of the Synod to take place on or near Tuesday 12th July 2005. The Clerk to the Synod has circulated a provisional timetable to dioceses and this is set out in Appendix E.

Publications for the Guidance of Dioceses

11. Updated versions of the guidance booklets: The Election Rules of the Three Houses; the General Synod Elections 2005; and the Guide to the Single Transferable Vote Regulations will be published shortly. A conference for presiding officers and others will be held in April.

Summary of Recommendations

12. (a) Under paragraph 2 of Canon H2, in the case of the clergy, the Synod is required to determine the proportion that the number to be elected for each diocese bears to the number of electors in the diocese. On the basis that the total number of clergy to be elected by each Province is as set out in paragraph 5, the relevant proportions are 128 to 9716 in the case of the Province of Canterbury and 54 to 3326 in the case of the Province of York. It is accordingly recommended that the Synod determine accordingly

- (b) In the case of the House of Laity the Synod is required by Rule 36(2) of the Church Representation Rules to fix the total number of members to be elected, to apportion the number so fixed between the Provinces in a proportion of 70 to 30 or as nearly as possible thereto and to divide the number among the dioceses (using such divisor method as may from time to time be specified for the purpose by the Business Committee) so that the numbers of members to be elected by the various dioceses are as nearly as possible proportionate to the total number of names on their respective electoral rolls. On the basis of the proposals set out in paragraph 7, the total number of lay members proposed to be elected is 193, apportioned as to 134 to the Province of Canterbury and 59 to the Province of York, and the numbers to be elected by each diocese are as set out in column 5 of Appendix B of this report. It is accordingly recommended that the Synod determine accordingly.

- (c) The resultant actual numbers of clerical and lay members allocated to each diocese are as set out in column 5 of Appendices A and B to this report.

On behalf of the Committee
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PROCTORIAL ELECTIONS 2005
NUMBER OF PROCTORS TO BE ELECTED FOR EACH DIOCESE

Province of Canterbury

Diocese	Number of electors 1999	Present number of elected proctors	Number of electors 2004	Number of proctors to be elected in 2005	Change
Canterbury	262	3	283	4	+1
London	726	9	777	10	+1
Winchester	301	4	302	4	
Bath & Wells	317	4	324	4	
Birmingham	245	3	269	3	
Bristol	207	3	214	3	
Chelmsford	491	6	505	6	
Chichester	459	6	490	6	
Coventry	187	3	201	3	
Derby	237	3	222	3	
Ely	256	3	243	3	
Europe	130	2	143	2	
Exeter	329	4	358	5	+1
Gloucester	230	3	243	3	
Guildford	274	4	309	4	
Hereford	158	3	168	3	
Leicester	211	3	218	3	
Lichfield	470	6	478	6	
Lincoln	292	4	261	3	-1
Norwich	278	4	276	4	
Oxford	650	8	691	9	+1
Peterborough	207	3	206	3	
Portsmouth	184	3	198	3	
Rochester	293	4	298	4	
St Albans	436	6	472	6	
St Eds & Ips	227	3	247	3	
Salisbury	371	5	376	5	
Southwark	560	7	548	7	
Truro	192	3	182	3	
Worcester	191	3	214	3	
	9371	125	9716	128	+3

Province of York

Diocese	Number of electors 1999	Present number of elected proctors	Number of electors 2004	Number of proctors to be elected in 2005	Change
York	330	6	348	6	
Durham	265	5	246	4	-1
Blackburn	293	5	281	4	-1
Bradford	152	3	151	3	
Carlisle	190	3	208	3	
Chester	313	5	329	5	
Liverpool	289	5	281	4	-1
Manchester	390	7	407	7	
Newcastle	177	3	195	3	
Ripon & Leeds	183	3	196	3	
Sheffield	234	4	224	4	
Sodor & Man	29	1	26	1	
Southwell	248	4	226	4	
Wakefield	212	4	208	3	-1
	3315	58	3326	54	-4

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTION 2005
NUMBER OF MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED FOR EACH DIOCESE

Province of Canterbury

Diocese	Number on electoral rolls 1999	Present number of members	Number on electoral rolls 2004	Number to be elected in 2005	Change
Canterbury	22315	4	21214	3	-1
London	59842	10	64618	9	-1
Winchester ³	38729	7	34818	5	-2
Bath & Wells	43454	7	38479	6	-1
Birmingham	19028	3	18534	3	
Bristol	20429	4	17148	3	-1
Chelmsford	54623	9	48901	7	-2
Chichester	60351	10	54192	8	-2
Coventry	18213	3	16577	3	
Derby	20462	4	20442	3	-1
Ely	21255	4	19032	3	-1
Europe	8824	2	9933	2	
Exeter	34712	6	31093	5	-1
Gloucester	27097	5	23440	3	-2
Guildford	31935	5	29899	4	-1
Hereford	19985	3	18058	3	
Leicester	16008	3	17564	3	
Lichfield	54109	9	46245	7	-2
Lincoln	31308	5	28638	4	-1
Norwich	26398	5	23623	3	-2
Oxford	60551	10	56707	8	-2
Peterborough	19675	3	18205	3	
Portsmouth	19928	3	18154	3	
Rochester	33031	6	30726	4	-2
St Albans	47469	8	41251	6	-2
St Eds & Ips	28483	5	24742	4	-1
Salisbury	47958	8	43015	6	-2
Southwark	48500	8	46807	7	-1
Truro	18160	3	16915	3	
Worcester	23743	4	20421	3	-1
	976575	166	899391	134	-32

³ The figures for the diocese of Winchester exclude the deaneries of Jersey and Guernsey

Province of York

Diocese	Number on electoral rolls 1999	Present number of members	Number on electoral rolls 2004	Number to be elected in 2005	Change
York	39747	8	35749	6	-2
Durham	27658	6	24014	4	-2
Blackburn	39021	8	35567	6	-2
Bradford	13175	3	12165	3	
Carlisle	24990	5	21706	4	-1
Chester	52059	11	47738	8	-3
Liverpool	33124	7	29520	5	-2
Manchester	40147	8	35559	6	-2
Newcastle	18363	4	16973	3	-1
Ripon & Leeds	20490	4	18009	3	-1
Sheffield	22474	5	19627	3	-2
Sodor & Man	3076	1	2776	1	
Southwell	18547	4	18645	3	-1
Wakefield	24647	5	21039	4	-1
	377518	79	339087	59	-20

ELECTED MEMBERSHIP OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Province of Canterbury

Diocese	Elected Proctors		Elected Laity		Total Elected		Change
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	
Canterbury	3	4	4	3	7	7	
London	9	10	10	9	19	19	
Winchester ⁴	4	4	7	5	13	11	-2
Bath & Wells	4	4	7	6	11	10	-1
Birmingham	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Bristol	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
Chelmsford	6	6	9	7	15	13	-2
Chichester	6	6	10	8	16	14	-2
Coventry	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Derby	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
Ely	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
Europe	2	2	2	2	4	4	
Exeter	4	5	6	5	10	10	
Gloucester	3	3	5	3	8	6	-2
Guildford	4	4	5	4	9	8	-1
Hereford	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Leicester	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Lichfield	6	6	9	7	15	13	-2
Lincoln	4	3	5	4	9	7	-2
Norwich	4	4	5	3	9	7	-2
Oxford	8	9	10	8	18	17	-1
Peterborough	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Portsmouth	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Rochester	4	4	6	4	10	8	-2
St Albans	6	6	8	6	14	12	-2
St Eds & Ips	3	3	5	4	8	7	-1
Salisbury	5	5	8	6	13	11	-2
Southwark	7	7	8	7	15	14	-1
Truro	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Worcester	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
	125	128	166	134	293	264	-29

⁴ In this table the figures shown for the diocese of Winchester in the Total Elected columns include the two lay representatives elected by the deaneries of Jersey and Guernsey but not the appropriate Dean, who is not elected.

Province of York

Diocese	Elected Proctors		Elected Laity		Total Elected		Change
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005	
York	6	6	8	6	14	12	-2
Durham	5	4	6	4	11	8	-3
Blackburn	5	4	8	6	13	10	-3
Bradford	3	3	3	3	6	6	
Carlisle	3	3	5	4	8	7	-1
Chester	5	5	11	8	16	13	-3
Liverpool	5	4	7	5	12	9	-3
Manchester	7	7	8	6	15	13	-2
Newcastle	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
Ripon & Leeds	3	3	4	3	7	6	-1
Sheffield	4	4	5	3	9	7	-2
Sodor & Man	1	1	1	1	2	2	
Southwell	4	4	4	3	8	7	-1
Wakefield	4	3	5	4	9	7	-2
	58	54	79	59	137	113	-24

APPENDIX D

PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD 2005-2010

	Canterbury	York	Either Province	Totals
House of Bishops				
Diocesan Bishops	30	14		44
Suffragan Bishops	5	3		8
	35	17		52
House of Clergy				
Deans	3	2		5
Diocesan Proctors	128	54		182
University Proctors	4	2		6
Religious			2	2
Chaplain General	1			1
Service Chaplains	3			3
Channel Isles Dean	1			1
Co-opted places (not necessarily filled)	3	2		5
	143	60	2	205
House of Laity				
Elected Laity	134	59		193
Channel Islands	2			2
Religious			2	2
Lay Armed Services			3	3
Ex officio			2	2
Co-opted places (not necessarily filled)	3	2		5
	139	61	7	207
House not specific				
Armed Services			1	1
Legal Officers			3	3
Ex officio			2	2
Appointed members			6	6
			12	12
Totals	317	138	21	476

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE FOR THE 2005 ELECTIONS

1.	Notification to electors of the election timetable to be followed in the diocese and issue of nomination papers	Not later than Tuesday 19th July
2.	Notification of the validity of any nomination	As soon as any nomination is received
3.	Closing date for nominations	Friday 2nd September
4.	Issue of voting papers	Friday 9th September
5.	Closing date for return of voting papers	Friday 30th September
6.	Date of count	Monday 3rd; Tuesday 4th; Wednesday 5th; or Thursday 6th of October
7.	Names and addresses of those elected and of result sheet to be sent to the Clerk to the Synod and the elections scrutineer	Not later than the fourth working day after the date of the declaration of the result