

# GENERAL SYNOD

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## FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2019

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### FIRST NOTICE PAPER

#### FIFTY FOURTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2119)

*Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC (Manchester)* to move in respect of items 23 to 26, 28 and 29 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 24th February 2019.’:

*One of the Presidents* to move in respect of item 27 and items 30 to 38 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 24th February 2019.’:

#### **Standing Order 113 (Questions: content)**

23 In Standing Order 113, after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Except with the Chair’s permission, a question must not exceed 150 words.

(3B) The reference in paragraph (3A) to the Chair is a reference to—

(a) the member nominated to be the Chair of the sitting at which the question would, if permission were given, be answered, or

(b) if a person has yet to be nominated for that sitting, the Chair of the Business Committee.”

24 In Standing Order 113, in paragraph (5), for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute—

- “(a) the member nominated to be the Chair of the sitting at which the question would, if it were in order, be answered, or
- (b) if a person has yet to be nominated for that sitting, the Chair of the Business Committee.”

25 In Standing Order 113, in paragraph (6), after “For the purpose of” insert “deciding whether to give permission under paragraph (3A) or”

### **Standing Order 115 (Supplementary questions)**

26 In Standing Order 115, in paragraph (4), for “and” substitute “or”.

### **New Standing Order (Representatives of Anglican Communion)**

27 Before Standing Order 121 insert—

“120A. *Representatives of Anglican Communion*

- (1) The Presidents may invite up to four Primates or other representatives of other Churches of the Anglican Communion to attend a group of sessions; and a person so invited is referred to in this Standing Order as an “Anglican Communion representative”.
- (2) An Anglican Communion representative in attendance at a group of sessions may, by prior arrangement, be invited by the Chair to speak in a debate.
- (3) But it is not in order for an Anglican Communion representative—
  - (a) to speak in a debate on legislation or liturgical business, other than at First Consideration or in the debate on the report of the Revision Committee,
  - (b) to speak at Final Approval of Article 7 or 8 business, except to correct a serious misunderstanding of fact relating to the beliefs or practices of that Church,
  - (c) to move a motion or amendment,
  - (d) to table a question for answer, or
  - (e) to vote.

- (4) These Standing Orders apply to a speech by an Anglican Communion representative as they apply to a speech by a member of the Synod.”

**Standing Order 125 (Business Committee)**

- 28 In Standing Order 125, in paragraph (4), for “paragraph (2) does not” substitute “paragraphs (2) and (7) do not”.

**Standing Order 134 (Casual vacancies)**

- 29 In Standing Order 134, in paragraph (7), omit the words from “or within” to “ordinary election,”.

**Standing Order 137 (Crown Nominations Commission: membership)**

- 30 In Standing Order 137, after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) A member of the Commission under paragraph (1)(b) or (c) who represents a diocese in the House of Clergy or House of Laity is disqualified from serving as a member of the Commission on its considerations of a vacancy in the bishopric of that diocese.

(3B) A member of the Commission under paragraph (1)(b) who was elected to the House of Clergy by virtue of paragraph 1(a) of Canon H2 (deans) is disqualified from serving as a member of the Commission on its considerations of a vacancy in a diocesan bishopric if the cathedral of which the member is the dean is a cathedral of the diocese.

(3C) A member of the Commission under paragraph (1)(b) who represents the electoral area established under paragraph 3 of Canon H2 (universities and theological education institutions) is disqualified from serving as a member of the Commission on its considerations of a vacancy in a diocesan bishopric if—

- (a) the university or theological education institution by which the person is employed is situated in that diocese, or

- (b) in the case of a person who is the head or a fellow of a college of a university, the university is situated in that diocese.

(3D) The reference in paragraph (3C) to the diocese in which a university or theological education institution is situated is a reference—

- (a) in the case of the University of London, to the diocese in which the main site of the college at which the member is employed or of which he or she is the head or a fellow is situated;
- (b) in the case of any other university or theological education institution situated in more than one diocese, to the diocese in which the main site of the university or institution is situated.”

### **Standing Order 138 (Crown Nominations Commission: Chair)**

31 In Standing Order 138, in paragraph (7), for the words from “appointed” to the end substitute “resident in the Province of York and appointed by the Prime Minister after consultation with such persons or bodies as the Prime Minister thinks fit”.

### **Standing Order 139 (Crown Nominations Commission: archiepiscopal vacancy)**

32 In Standing Order 139, after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) The person elected under paragraph (1)(a) must—

- (a) in the case of a vacancy in the Archbishopric of Canterbury, be a bishop whose see is in the Province of Canterbury or who has retired and is resident in that Province, or
- (b) in the case of a vacancy in the Archbishopric of York, be a bishop whose see is in the Province of York or who has retired and is resident in that Province.”

### **Standing Order 140 (Crown Nominations Commission: duration of membership)**

- 33 In Standing Order 140, in paragraph (9), after “a particular vacancy” insert “or is disqualified from serving as a member under SO 137(3A), (3B) or (3C)”.

### **Standing Order 141 (Crown Nominations Commission: business and procedure)**

- 34 In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (6), for “the total number of the voting members of the Commission” substitute “the members of the Commission present and voting”.
- 35 In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (6), omit “, in a secret ballot”.
- 36 In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (7), omit “conducted by secret ballot”.
- 37 In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (8), omit “on a ballot”.
- 38 In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (9), omit “on a ballot”.

### **Notes:**

1. The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 40(5) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 23 to 26, 28 and 29 of this Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
2. Under Standing Order 40(5) 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 Wednesday 20th February that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
  - notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 18th February of an amendment to any proposed amendment.