

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2022

SECOND NOTICE PAPER

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS FOR CANTERBURY CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

SIXTIETH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2276)

***Note:** The amendments to the Standing Orders set out here are subject to change in the light of decisions to be taken by the Synod at the morning sitting on Saturday 9th July and should accordingly be treated as provisional.*

Dr Jamie Harrison (Durham) to move in respect of items 51 to 56 'That this amendment be made with effect from 13th July 2022.'

Standing Order 136 (Crown Nominations Commission: functions)

51. In Standing Order 136, in paragraph (2), after "diocesan bishopric" insert ", or in the suffragan bishopric of Dover (see further SO 137(6)),".

***Explanatory Note:** this amendment would provide for the Crown Nominations Commission to consider a vacancy in the suffragan see of Dover as it would consider a vacancy in a diocese.*

Standing Order 137 (Crown Nominations Commission: membership)

52. In Standing Order 137, in paragraph (1)(d), after “the diocesan bishopric” insert “or, in the case of a vacancy in the Archbishopric of Canterbury, three members elected by and from the Vacancy in See Committee of the diocese of Canterbury”.

Explanatory Note: *this amendment would provide that, where there is a vacancy for Archbishop of Canterbury, the voting members of the Crown Nominations Commission include three members (rather than the current six) elected by and from the Vacancy in See Committee of Canterbury diocese.*

53. In Standing Order 137, in paragraph (1)(e), for “that diocese” substitute “the diocese in which there is a vacancy in the diocesan bishopric”.

Explanatory Note: *this is consequential on the previous amendment.*

54. In Standing Order 137, after paragraph (5) insert—
“(6) For the purposes of this Standing Order and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (as amended from time to time), the suffragan bishopric of Dover is to be treated as being a diocesan bishopric and, in the application of this Standing Order and that Regulation to that suffragan bishopric, a reference to the diocese is, where the context requires, to be read as a reference to the diocese of Canterbury.”

Explanatory Note: *this technical amendment would ensure the correct application to the suffragan see of Dover of the relevant Standing Orders and the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation.*

Standing Order 139 (Crown Nominations Commission: archiepiscopal vacancy)

55. In Standing Order 139, in paragraph (2)(a), for subparagraph (ii) (but not the following “and”) substitute—

“(ii) five representatives of other Churches of the Anglican Communion (see paragraph (2A)),”.

Explanatory Note: *this amendment would provide that, where there is a vacancy for Archbishop of Canterbury, the voting members of the Crown Nominations Commission would also include five representatives of other Churches of the Anglican Communion (rather than the current single member of the Primates Meeting of the Anglican Communion).*

56. In Standing Order 139, after paragraph (2) insert—

“(2A)The five persons referred to in paragraph (2)(a)(ii) are to be chosen by the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates Meeting of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council—

- (a) with one person to be chosen from each of the five regions of the Anglican Communion (and, for this purpose, the Europe region includes the provinces of the British Isles other than England), and
- (b) with those chosen to include at least one primate, at least one priest or deacon and at least one actual communicant lay person.”

Explanatory Note: *this amendment would provide for the five representatives of the Anglican Communion referred to in amendment 5 to be chosen by the relevant Joint Standing Committee and for there to be one person chosen from each region of the Anglican Communion and for those chosen to*

include at least one bishop, at least one cleric and at least one lay person.