

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 5 PM
ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2023

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE
(GS 2255A)**

Draft Measure for Final Approval

506 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Stipends Funds
(Amendment) Measure” be finally approved’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	97	1
Laity	115	11

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy, and 5 in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Measure automatically stood committed to the Legislative Committee.

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 42 (GS 2269A)

Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval

502 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 42” be finally approved.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	92	0
Laity	112	1

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 4 in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity

503 The motion

‘That the petition for His Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2269C) be adopted.’

was carried.

GOVERNANCE REVIEW (GS 2290)

12 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the report from the National Church Governance Project Board as outlined in the Report (GS 2290);
- b) encourage the Project Board to continue its work as set out in the report, and to bring a further report to the Synod prior to the introduction of any legislation to give effect to it.’

was moved.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

The motion

‘That the debate now be adjourned and resumed at the July group of sessions’

was lost after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 107

AGAINST 124

27 abstentions were recorded.

- 69 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 107

AGAINST 124

27 abstentions were recorded.

SAFEGUARDING (GS 2293)

- 13 Mr Alexander Kubeyinje (National Director of Safeguarding) gave presentation under Standing Order 107

- 14 The motion

‘That this Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX (GS 2265A AND GS 2265B)

- 15 The motion

‘That this Synod, noting:

- a) the various public goods that are delivered by charities, including in the case of churches through their care of nationally valued heritage assets and their provision of community services; and
- b) the fact that the money needed by charities to meet their liabilities, including Insurance Premium Tax, has to be raised by them, including in the case of churches through fund raising in their local communities,

call on His Majesty’s Government to exempt charities, including churches, from liability for Insurance Premium Tax.

was carried.

PROROGATION

16 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4.50pm