

# GENERAL SYNOD

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## JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023

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### FIRST NOTICE PAPER

#### SIXTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2292 Revised)

*Revd Canon Joyce Jones (Leeds)* to move in respect of items 33 to 50  
'That these amendments be made with effect from 12th July 2023.'

#### Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 40(5) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 34, 37 to 50 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 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
  - notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July of an amendment to any proposed amendment.

#### Standing Order 11 (Length of notice: special cases)

33. In Standing Order 11, in paragraph (1)(d), after "Standing Orders" insert "under SO 127(6A) or (6B)".

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment is consequential on amendment 36 and would ensure that the rules on the period of notice for members to table amendments to the Standing Orders reflect the proposed amendments to SO 127.*

#### Standing Order 78 (meaning of "liturgical business")

34. For the text of Standing Order 78 substitute—  
"“Liturgical business” means a service or other liturgical provision

to be made under Canon B2 and which the Business Committee has determined is to be subject to one of the following procedures—

- (a) the procedure under SOs 79 to 88;
- (b) the procedure under SO 89;
- (c) the procedure under SO 90.”

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would clarify the definition of “liturgical business” by replacing reference to designation and referring expressly to Canon B2.*

### **After Standing Order 107**

35. After Standing Order 107 insert the following—

*“107A Further motions*

- (1) This Standing Order applies to a motion under—
  - (a) SO 105(5), (6) or (9) (further motions to ordinary reports),
  - (b) SO 106(9) (further motions to annual reports), or
  - (c) SO 107(4)(b) or (5)(b) (further motions to presentations).
- (2) The mover of a motion to which this Standing Order applies may speak for not more than five minutes; immediately after that, the relevant person may speak in reply.
- (3) The “relevant person” is—
  - (a) in the case of a motion referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b), the Chair or another member of the body that produced the report in question;
  - (b) in the case of a motion referred to in paragraph (1)(c), a member of the Synod nominated by the Chair on account of that member’s involvement in the presentation or interest in its subject matter.
- (4) If the relevant person indicates a wish for the debate to continue, the debate on the motion continues.
- (5) If the relevant person does not indicate a wish for the debate

to continue, the Chair must declare the motion to have lapsed unless at least 25 members indicate that they wish the debate to continue; and if at least 25 members stand in their places or, if unable to do so, indicate by some other means that they wish the debate to continue, debate on the motion is resumed.

(6) When debate on the motion has come to an end (whether or not following a motion for the Closure) but before the motion is put to the vote, the mover of the motion may speak in reply for not more than three minutes.”

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would apply the 25-member rule to what are commonly referred to as ‘following motions’, namely further motions to a report or presentation. Debate on a further motion would continue only if the relevant member for the report or presentation agrees or at least 25 members wish the debate to go on.*

### **Standing Order 127 (Standing Orders Committee)**

36. In Standing Order 127, for paragraph (6) substitute—

“(6) The Committee must make a written report to the Synod on—

- (a) any amendments which it proposes, and
- (b) any proposal for amendment made by a member of the Synod in response to which the Committee does not propose an amendment.

(6A) A member of the Synod may give notice under SO 11(1)(d) of—

- (a) an amendment to an amendment proposed by the Committee, or
- (b) an amendment which relates to a proposal included in the Committee’s report under paragraph (6)(b).

(6B) A member of the Synod may give notice under SO 11(1)(d) of an amendment which does not come within paragraph (6A)(a) or (b); but the amendment may be moved only with the permission of the Chair.

(6C) The mover of an amendment under paragraph (6A) or (6B) may speak for not more than five minutes; immediately after that,

a member of the Committee may speak in reply.

(6D) If the Committee indicates that it wishes the debate to continue, the debate on the amendment continues.

(6E) If the Committee does not indicate that it wishes the debate to continue, the Chair must declare the amendment to have lapsed unless at least 25 members indicate that they wish the debate to continue; and if at least 25 members stand in their places or, if unable to do so, indicate by some other means that they wish the debate to continue, debate on the amendment is resumed.

(6F) Paragraphs (6C) to (6E) do not apply to an amendment which, in the opinion of the Chair, is consequential on an amendment already carried; and the Chair must inform the Synod of his or her ruling.

(6G) When debate on an amendment has come to an end (whether or not following a motion for the Closure) but before the amendment is put to the vote, the mover of the amendment may speak in reply for not more than three minutes.”

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would make detailed provision about the right of members to move amendments to the Standing Orders. An amendment would either have to amend an amendment in the Standing Orders Committee’s report or have to relate to some other matter covered by the report. The Chair of the debate could also give a member permission to move an amendment which does not meet either of those criteria. The 25-member rule would apply to members’ amendments. Accordingly, a member’s amendment would be debated only if the Standing Orders Committee agrees or if at least 25 members wish it to be debated.*

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

37. In Standing Order 141, in paragraph (6), after “the Commission” insert “who have been serving on the Commission’s consideration of the vacancy in question”.

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would remove any doubt there might otherwise be as to the meaning of the reference to two-thirds of the total number of the voting members of the*

*Crown Nominations Commission.*

Amendments relating to requirement to stand to indicate support

**Standing Order 17 (right to speak)**

38. In Standing Order 17, in paragraph (1), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment and amendments 39 to 48 would provide that, wherever the Standing Orders require members to stand, the exception for those members who are unable to do so is to be developed so that any member who can stand but with difficulty is also entitled to indicate support by some other means.*

**Standing Order 29 (order of consideration)**

39. In Standing Order 29, in paragraph (1C), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

**Standing Order 46 (decorum)**

40. In Standing Order 46, in paragraph (1), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

**Standing Order 59 (Revision following Revision Committee: amendments)**

41. In Standing Order 59, in paragraph (6), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

**Standing Order 69I (procedure on motion for approval or referral back)**

42. In Standing Order 69I, in paragraph (6), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

**Standing Order 77 (procedure for consideration of scheme: motion for reconsideration)**

43. In Standing Order 77, in paragraph (8), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### **Standing Order 82 (reports on question of doctrine)**

44. In Standing Order 82, in paragraph (1)(c), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### **Standing Order 84 (optional re-committal following Revision Committee)**

45. In Standing Order 84, in paragraph (3), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### **Standing Order 87 (further revision)**

46. In Standing Order 87, in paragraph (9), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### **Standing Order 89 (minor adjustments to forms of service)**

47. In Standing Order 89, in paragraph (9), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### **Standing Order 90 (extension or discontinuance of liturgical business already approved)**

48. In Standing Order 90, in paragraph (7), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

### Amendments relating to the Demise of the Crown

#### **Standing Order 64 (final approval)**

49. In Standing Order 64, in paragraph (3), for “Her Majesty’s” substitute “His Majesty’s”.

#### **Standing Order 65 (measures providing for subordinate legislation)**

50. In Standing Order 65, in paragraph (4), for “Her Majesty” substitute “His Majesty”.

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment and amendment 49 update the Standing Orders following the recent demise of the Crown.*