

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023

TENTH NOTICE PAPER

DEEMED BUSINESS

The following items of business were deemed to have been approved by the Synod, no member having given notice a wish to debate them. They will take effect as of 16 November 2023.

Amendments to Standing Orders (GS 2327)

Items 9, 10 and 11

Standing Order 22 (speech limit)

In Standing Order 22, after paragraph (4) insert—

“(5) Where the making of a speech requires assistance from an interpreter, the time limit for the speech is 1.5 times the time limit that is otherwise applicable at the time in question.”

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment would provide for any speaker at Synod (whether or not a member) who needs an interpreter (whether because the speaker is deaf or for some other reason) to have 1.5 times as long as other speakers.*

Consequential amendments

In Standing Order 22, in paragraph (1), for “or (3)” substitute “, (3) or (5)”.

Explanatory statement: this amendment would provide for the general rule in SO 22(1) to apply subject to the special provision in the new paragraph (5) above.

In Standing Order 32, in paragraph (3), after “for speeches” insert “and SO 22(5) (which extends the time limit for speeches by those who require an interpreter)”.

Explanatory statement: this amendment would provide for the procedure on a motion for the speech limit under SO 32 to have effect subject to the new paragraph (5) above.

Item 12

Standing Order 29 (order of consideration)

In Standing Order 29, in paragraph (1), after “otherwise” insert “; but an amendment which is consequential or otherwise dependent on another amendment is, regardless of where it strikes the text, to be considered after that other amendment”.

Explanatory statement: this amendment would mean that consequential amendments will always be taken after the main amendment, even if they strike the text before the main amendment does

Item 21

Standing Order 107A (further motions)

In Standing Order 107A, in paragraph (5), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

Explanatory statement: this amendment would amend the new Standing Order 107A, agreed by Synod in July, to qualify the duty for members to stand so that it would apply only to those able to do so without difficulty.

Items 22 and 23

Standing Order 115 (supplementary questions)

In Standing Order 115, in paragraph (4), after “must be” insert “short, succinct and”.

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment would expressly require a supplementary question to be short and succinct.*

In Standing Order 115, in paragraph (4), after “given” insert “; a supplementary question must not be preceded by a preamble, except in so far as that is strictly necessary for context”.

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment would prevent a member from beginning a supplementary question with a preamble except where strictly necessary.*

Item 24

Standing Order 117 (answering questions between groups of sessions)

In Standing Order 117, in paragraph (3), leave out “the answer must be included in” and insert “the question and answer must be included in an annex to”.

***Explanatory statement:** this amendment would provide that, where a question is answered between groups of sessions, the text of the question, as well as the answer, must be included in the report of the proceedings for the next group of sessions.*

Item 25

After Standing Order 117

1. After Standing Order 117, insert—

“117A Questions: supplementary information and corrections

- (1) This Standing Order applies where—
 - (a) the answer given to a question under SO 112, 115 or 117 is to the effect that further information will be provided to the member who asked the question, or
 - (b) it transpires that the answer given to a question under SO 112, 115 or 117 was to any extent incorrect,

- (2) The text of the further information or required correction must—
 - (a) be sent to each member of the Synod,
 - (b) be published on the Synod website, and
 - (c) be included in an annex to—
 - (i) in the case of a question under SO 112 or 115, the report of the proceedings relating to the group of sessions at which the answer is given;
 - (ii) in the case of a question under SO 117, the report of the proceedings relating to the subsequent group of sessions.”

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would require that, where the answer to a question indicates that further information will follow or where a correction is required to an answer already given, the information or correction must be communicated to members and included in the report of proceedings for the next Synod.*

Item 26

Standing Order 127 (Standing Orders Committee)

In Standing Order 127, in paragraph (6E), after “to do so” insert “without difficulty”.

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would amend the new paragraph (6E) in SO 127, agreed by Synod in July, to qualify the duty for members to stand so that it would apply only to those able to do so without difficulty.*

Item 27

After Standing Order 152

2. After Standing Order 152 insert—

“CONTACT BETWEEN SYNOD MEMBERS

152A. Contact between Synod members

(1) The Clerk must ensure that, before every group of sessions, each member is given an up-to-date list of all the members of the Synod; and the list must, for each member, specify the following—

- (a) the House to which the member belongs,
- (b) the number allocated to the member in the capacity as such,
- (c) the diocese which the member represents or, if the member does not represent a diocese, the basis on which that person is a member, and
- (d) an email address for the member or, if the member has not provided an emails address, the postal address notified by the member to the Clerk.

(2) A member may use the address of another member that is included under paragraph (1)(c) for the purpose only of communicating with that other member on matters

relating to Synod; but that does not prevent two or more members agreeing between themselves to use their addresses for the purpose of communicating on other matters.”

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would ensure that members are given up-to-date contact details for all other members.*