

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2025 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 3.15 P.M.**  
**ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that:

The debate on item 512A (Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025 (GS 2396)) would resume as the next item of business

Item 22 (Pattern of Future Dates 2027-2029) (GS 2397) would not be taken.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2025 (GS 2396)**

**ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That under Standing Order 34(1)(c), the debate on item 512A be adjourned until the next group of sessions.’

was lost.

567 The amendment (Order Paper IX) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	18
Clergy	55	79
Laity	68	90

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 9 in the House of Clergy, and 4 in the House of Laity.

568 The amendment (Order Paper IX) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR: 156

AGAINST: 174

4 abstentions were recorded.

569 The amendment (Order Paper IX) fell.

512B The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025” be approved.’

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	16	3
Clergy	83	64
Laity	93	73

3 abstentions recorded in the House of Bishops and 4 in the House of Clergy.

**VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 2024 AS AMENDED  
BY THE VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATION 2025**

513 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2025, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK ratified and confirmed the motion for the provinces of Canterbury and York. The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV:  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION  
REDISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS (GS 2396A AND GS 2396B)**

**ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That the under Standing Order 34(1)(c), the debate on item 21 be adjourned’

was carried.

**FAREWELLS**

- 23 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the following: the Rt Revd Justin Welby, the former Archbishop of Canterbury; the Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich; the Rt Revd Alan Smith, Bishop of St Albans; Mr Andrew Selous, former Second Church Estates Commissioner; the Rt Revd Flora Winfield, former Third Church Estates Commissioner; Mr Peter Collier, Vicar-General of the Province of York; and Mr Gareth Mostyn Chief Executive of the Church Commissioners.

**PROROGATION**

- 24 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod and dismissed it with a blessing at 3.15 p.m.