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Ecclesiastical Committee

The Ecclesiastical Committee is a statutory Committee appointed under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919.

It comprises thirty members, fifteen of whom are Members of the House of Commons, appointed by the Speaker, and fifteen of whom are members of the House of Lords, appointed by the Lord Speaker. The quorum is twelve.

Appointments to the Committee are generally made early in a Parliament. Unless the Speaker or the Lord Speaker decide otherwise, members appointed by them remain on the Committee for the life of the Parliament.

While its powers are those laid down by the Act, the procedures it has adopted are those of a Joint Select Committee.

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Remit

The Ecclesiastical Committee examines draft Measures presented to it by the Legislative Committee of the General Synod of the Church of England. It reports to Parliament on whether or not it considers the measures to be expedient.

It generally asks members of the General Synod to assist it in its deliberations. In some circumstances a conference of the Ecclesiastical Committee and the Legislative Committee may be convened.

The Church of England Measure on which the Committee has reported is presented to both Houses in its final form at the same time as the Committee makes its report.

Before the Measure becomes law, both Houses must approve motions that the Measure should be presented to the Sovereign for Royal Assent in the form that it was laid before Parliament.

Once both Houses have passed the necessary approval motions, the Measure is presented for Royal Assent and becomes law.

Publications

The reports and proceedings of the Committee are published by Order of both Houses. All publications of the Committee are on the Internet at <http://www.parliament.uk/ecclesiastical-committee>

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240th Report of the Ecclesiastical Committee

1. The Ecclesiastical Committee has met and considered the Measure set out below. The Measure was submitted to the Ecclesiastical Committee by the Legislative Committee of the General Synod, along with a Comments and Explanations document. The text of the Measure, and its accompanying Comments and Explanations document, are published online on the Committee's web pages.¹

Channel Islands Measure

2. In the accompanying Comments and Explanations document, the Legislative Committee explains that the Channel Islands Measure makes provision for the Channel Islands to be attached to the Diocese of Salisbury, by Order of Her Majesty in Council, instead of the Diocese of Winchester. In doing so, the Measure gives effect to the recommendation of the commission, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to consider and report on the relationship between the Channel Islands and the wider Church of England. The Archbishop's Commission, chaired by Lord Chartres, was appointed following a breakdown in the relationship between the Channel Islands and Diocese of Winchester which had its origins in a 2008 safeguarding issue involving a vulnerable adult and the way in which the issue was dealt with. The Archbishop's Commission reported in September 2019.²

3. The Committee discussed the Measure with representatives of the General Synod (by way of a virtual meeting of the Committee). The transcript of the Committee's proceedings is published online on the Committee's web pages.³

View of the Committee

4. **The Committee is of the opinion that the Channel Islands Measure is expedient.**

1 Ecclesiastical Committee: <https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/174/ecclesiastical-committee-joint-committee/>.

2 The Church of England, *The Report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the relationship of the Channel Islands to the wider Church of England* (30 September 2019): <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-10/Report%20-%20FINAL%20-%202019-10-19.pdf>.

3 Ecclesiastical Committee publications page: <https://committees.parliament.uk/committee/174/ecclesiastical-committee-joint-committee/publications/>

Minutes of Proceedings

Friday 19 June 2020

Minutes of the (virtual) meeting of the Ecclesiastical Committee held on Friday 19 June 2020 at 2 pm.

Present:

Baroness Butler-Sloss (Chair)	Fleur Anderson MP
The Earl of Cork and Orrery	Sir Peter Bottomley MP
Lord Cormack	Mr Ben Bradshaw MP
Baroness Eaton	Fiona Bruce MP
Lord Elton	Dr Lisa Cameron MP
Lord Faulkner of Worcester	Miriam Cates MP
Lord Glenarthur	Sir Roger Gale MP
Baroness Harris of Richmond	Rachael Maskell MP
Lord Jones	Andrew Selous MP
Lord Judd	Sir Desmond Swayne MP
Lord Lisvane	Martin Vickers MP
Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall	

Baroness Butler-Sloss took the Chair, the motion to appoint Baroness Butler-Sloss as Chair having been agreed to by correspondence in advance of the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

Members of the Committee declared the following interests:

Fleur Anderson MP

Member of the of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Fiona Bruce MP

Lay Canon, Chester Cathedral

Baroness Butler-Sloss

Informally spoken to by a number of people in relation to the issues relating to the Measure and received a number of emails from the complainant

Baroness Eaton

Lay Canon, Bradford Cathedral

Lord Elton

Previously Minister at the Home Office, responsible for the Channel Islands

Lord Faulkner of Worcester

Vice Chair of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Chair of The Alderney Gambling Control Commission

Lord Glenarthur

Previously Minister at the Home Office, responsible for the Channel Islands

Baroness Harris of Richmond⁴

Member of the of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

High Steward, Ripon Cathedral

Lord Judd

Previously MP for Portsmouth

Freeman for the City of Portsmouth

Andrew Selous MP

Member of the of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Martin Vickers MP

Member of the of the Channel Islands All-Party Parliamentary Group

Channel Islands Measure

The Committee considered the Measure, with the assistance of the following representatives of the General Synod:

The Right Reverend Timothy Thornton, Bishop at Lambeth

Mr Jonathan Neil-Smith, Archbishops' Council Central Secretariat and Secretary to the Archbishop's Commission on the Channel Islands

The Very Reverend Timothy Barker, Dean of Guernsey

The Reverend Alexander McGregor, Chief Legal Adviser to the Archbishops' Council and the General Synod

Mr Christopher Packer, Legislative Counsel

Deliberation

It was moved that the Chanel Islands Measure be deemed expedient.

The motion was agreed to.

The Committee adjourned.

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⁴ After the meeting, Baroness Harris of Richmond, also declared the following interest:
Nephew is a vicar on the Isle of Man