



Committee of Selection

Minutes

Monday 23 January 2023 at 4pm in Committee Room 2A

Present:

B. Coussins
L. Gardiner of Kimble (*Chair*)
L. Jones
L. Judge
L. Kennedy of Southwark
L. Newby
B. Smith of Basildon
L. Stoneham of Droxford
L. True
B. Williams of Trafford

together with the Clerk Assistant.

1. MEMBERSHIP OF EXISTING SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

The Committee agreed the proposed membership changes to sessional committees.

The Committee considered a representation from the Convenor of the Bishops and a non-affiliated member. The Committee agreed to propose the Bishop of Leeds to replace the Bishop of Worcester on the Communications and Digital Committee.

The Committee discussed correspondence received by Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots, outgoing chair of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee, regarding the rotation of committee members. The Committee agreed to the proposed rotations of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee and agreed that the rotation rule of three years should be administered across committees going forward.

The Committee considered gender balance of select committees, including the gender balance of select committee chairs. The Committee agreed to continue keeping gender balance under review.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEES

The Committee agreed the proposed membership for the special inquiry committees.

The Committee considered representations from the Convenor of the Bishops, non-affiliated members and members from smaller parties. The Committee agreed that the Bishop of Coventry should be proposed as a member of the Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems special inquiry committee.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Senior Deputy Speaker informed the Committee that the Chair of the European Affairs Committee is expected to stand down in the summer. The House will be invited to agree to the appointment of his successor in due course.

The Committee adjourned.

24 January 2023

Michael Berry

Clerk to the Committee of Selection

Hattie Clark

Assistant Private Secretary to the SDS