

PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 11.30am

Present:

Lord Gardiner of Kimble (Chair)	Lord Sherbourne of Didsbury
Lord Judge	Baroness Taylor of Bolton
Baroness Smith of Basildon	Lord Kennedy of Southwark
Lord Strathclyde	Baroness Butler-Sloss
Baroness Gohir	Baroness McIntosh of Hudnall
Baroness Humphreys	Lord True
Lord McFall of Alcluith	Baroness Williams of Trafford
Lord McNally	

with the Clerk of the Parliaments.

The Chair welcomed the new members and the new alternate members of the Committee.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Lord Newby, Lord Faulkner of Worcester, Baroness Bull and Baroness Sanderson of Welton.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were *agreed*.

3. Legislative Consent Process

The Chair introduced the memorandum (PPC/22-23/05).

The Committee *considered* the options for how to notify the House about instances of contested competence and when consent was pending.

The Committee *agreed* that all consent decisions should be notified on the order paper and the list of bills in progress in *House of Lords Business*. In instances when consent had not been sought by the UK Government but had nevertheless been granted or withheld by a devolved legislature, the Committee *agreed* that this should be notified by referring to the 'correspondence published' from the relevant devolved legislature. The Committee *agreed* that pending consent from a devolved legislature should also be notified in the list of bills in progress.

Lord Judge asked whether the correspondence published would be available online. The Clerk Assistant confirmed that it would.

4. Changes to R&R governance arrangements: amendments to the Companion

The Chair introduced the memorandum (PPC/22-23/06).

The Committee *considered* consequential changes to the *Companion* to reflect the new governance arrangements for the Restoration and Renewal (R&R) programme.

The Committee *noted* that no substantive procedural changes were being proposed to the existing arrangements.

With respect to the proposed new paragraph 11.103 of the *Companion*, the Committee *noted* that the second sentence should be amended to read “The quorum is three members of each Commission” in place of “The quorum is three members of each House. No quorum for external members is required”.

The Committee *discussed* the expectation that the proceedings of the R&R Client Board would not be privileged. Subject to further consideration of that matter, and the above change, the Committee *agreed* to the proposed amendments to the *Companion*.

5. Any other business

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 28 March.