

HOUSE OF COMMONS COMMISSION / MEC

Monday 18 November 2024 at 10.00 am
Meeting in the Speaker's Study

Present:

The Speaker, in the Chair
Rachel Blake
Marie Goldman
Jesse Norman
Lucy Powell
Nick Smith
Shrinivas Honap (External member)
Catherine Ward (External member)
Marianne Cwynarski (Director General (Operations))
Tom Goldsmith (Clerk of the House)

Apologies: Sharon Hodgson

DECISIONS

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1. New Member – Declarations of Interests

The Commission welcomed Marie Goldman, Jesse Norman and Nick Smith, and took note of their declared financial interests.

2. Reports and updates

- a. TUS update
- b. Update from the Audit Committee
- c. House Administration update

The Commission welcomed Trade Union representatives to the meeting and took note of their updates.

The Commission took note of the update from the Audit Committees and nominated Nick Smith to be a member of that Committee.

The Commission took note of the updates from the House Administration.

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3. Parliamentary Commercial Directorate update

The Commission considered oversight of the Parliamentary Commercial Directorate and, noting discussions by the House of Lords Commission, endorsed the proposal that the Parliamentary Commercial Directorate become a joint department of both Houses and asked the Administration, working with officials from the House of Lords, to develop detailed plans that can return to the Commission for approval. The Commission asked that contingency options were also prepared.

4. Safety update

The Commission considered an independent review of fire safety. The Commission took note of the recommendations and endorsed the proposed action plan.

5. ICGS: Agreement of the Policy Framework

The Commission approved the ICGS Policy Framework (further to recommendation 1 of the Paul Kernaghan review) which would be reported to the House alongside its support for the creation of an Assurance Board.

The Commission nominated Rachel Blake to sit on the ICGS Assurance Board.

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6. Papers to note:

The Commission took note of the following papers:

- Quarterly performance report Q2
- Forward plan
- Minutes of the Commission meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2024

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Commission/MEC will take place on Monday 9 December 2024 at 10.00 am in the Speaker's Study.