

Committee of Selection

Minutes

Wednesday 22 January 2025 at 12pm in Committee Room 2a

Present:

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

together with the Clerk Assistant.

Apologies were received from Lord Geddes.

The Chair noted that this would be the last meeting for Lord Jones as he would be rotating off the committee later that month. The Chair thanked Lord Jones for his contribution to the Committee.

I. MEMBERSHIP OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

The Committee agreed the proposed membership changes to sessional committees.

The Committee considered gender balance of select committees and agreed to continue keeping gender balance under review.

The Committee agreed the membership of the new committee on Northern Ireland Scrutiny.

The Committee considered the representations made by two non-affiliated members.

The Committee discussed frontbench members on committees and noted that while it was a convention that frontbench members of the Government and Official Opposition did not sit on committees, it was not a hard rule.

The Committee agreed that the appointment for the incoming Chair of the Conduct Committee would become effective after the Conduct Committee's review of the Code of Conduct had been brought to the House.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF SPECIAL INQUIRY COMMITTEES

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

The Committee considered and agreed, having received a representation, that Lord Wigley should be proposed to take a Labour place on the Autism Act 2009 special inquiry committee.

The Committee considered and agreed, having received a representation, that the Bishop of Lincoln should be proposed as a member of the Social Mobility Policy special inquiry committee.

3. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair informed the Committee that the motions would be moved on Thursday 30 January.

The Committee discussed whether the special inquiry committee process could be brought forward. The Chair would discuss this with the Committee Office.

The Committee considered the fact that some committees would face a high turnover of members in forthcoming years. The Usual Channels would discuss options to stagger rotations.

The Committee adjourned.

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Hattie Clark

Clerk to the Committee of Selection

Alex Taylor

Assistant Private Secretary to the SDS