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Introduction

1. In 2009 the Committee on Standards in Public Life recommended:

“There should be at least two lay members who have never been Parliamentarians on the Standards and Privileges Committee. Their appointment should be made in the same way as that of the lay members of the Speaker’s Committee of the independent regulator.”¹

2. On 2 December 2010 the House agreed to the principle of lay members, and invited the Procedure Committee to bring forward proposals to implement it.² Those proposals, with some slight modifications, were given effect by the House on 12 March 2012 when Standing Orders No. 148A and 149A were made and Standing Order No. 149 was amended. On 13 December 2012 the House appointed three lay members to the Committee on Standards. Further amendments to Standing Orders in March 2015 increased the number of lay members on the Committee to seven, establishing an equal balance of lay and elected members on the Committee. The four additional lay members were appointed by the House on 19 May 2016.
3. The terms of office of the first tranche of lay members came to an end on 30 March 2017, and on 15 March 2017 three further lay members were appointed by the House to replace them.
4. Two of the four lay members recruited in 2016 came to the end of their four-year terms on 18 May 2020 (the other two had been appointed for six-year terms). On 10 November 2020 the House appointed one further lay member; the other vacancy has remained unfilled.
5. The House of Commons Commission has agreed a recruitment process to fill this vacancy. In line with the requirement in Standing Order No. 149A, the process was designed to be open and fair.
6. The post was advertised on the Parliamentary website, through the Outreach Service, through social media and through advertisement and search by recruitment consultants. There were 265 applicants. These were reduced through sifts and interviews to a shortlist of four for final interview in May 2021 by a Selection Panel

¹ Twelfth Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life, *MPs’ Expenses and Allowances*, Cm 7244

² Sixth Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2010–12, *Lay membership of the Committee on Standards and Privileges*, HC 1606, and the Government Response, Third Special Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2010–12, HC 1689

comprising Rima Makarem (external member of the House of Commons Commission and Chair of the selection panel), Chris Bryant MP (Chair of the Committee on Standards), Eve Samson (Clerk of the Journals) and Paul Thorogood (lay member of the Committee on Standards).

7. The Selection Panel made a report to the Commission, recommending a candidate for appointment. The panel further recommended that the new appointment should be for a term of six years.

The nominated candidate

8. Following the exacting process set out above, the House of Commons Commission proposes the following candidate to the House, to serve for a term of six years:
 - Ms Mehmuda Mian
9. The candidate's CV is annexed to this report. The Commission believes that Ms Mian will bring an effective mix of skills and knowledge to the Committee's work and contribute to maintaining public confidence in the independent element in the House's disciplinary processes.

ANNEX – BRIEF DETAILS OF NOMINATED CANDIDATE

MS MEHMUDA MIAN

Career History

June 2015 to present	Non-Executive Director, Berkshire Health Foundation NHS Trust
April 2015 to present	Board Member Independent Press Standards Organisation
July 2013 to July 2020	Disciplinary Committee Member, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
January 2009 to present	Associate Director, Lokahi Foundation
2012 to November 2013	Non-Executive Director, Disclosure and Barring Service
2008 to December 2012	Non-Executive Director, Independent Safeguarding Authority
Nov 2006 to Nov 2012	Trustee, British Broadcasting Corporation
April 2004 to 2009	Commissioner, Independent Police Complaints Commission
Nov 1998 to March 2004	Member, Police Complaints Authority
April 1994 to 1998	Senior Solicitor/Case Worker, Office for the Supervision of Solicitors
January 1991 to 1994	Senior Solicitor, Wansbroughs Wiley Hargrave
September 1985 to 1991	Assistant Solicitor/Articled Clerk, Edge and Ellison

Education

Birmingham University	1980-84 LLB(Hons) Law with French 2(ii)
Universite de Limoges	1983 Diplome des etudes juridiques
College of Law Chester	1984-85 Law Society Solicitors Final Examination
Qualified as a Solicitor	1989

Additional information

- Fluent in French, Punjabi and Urdu
- Former Chairman of NHS Independent Review Panel
- Former Non-Executive Director of North Birmingham Mental Health Trust
- Former Non-Executive Director of NHS Litigation Authority
- Nominated to finals of first Muslim Women’s Power List
- Member, Appointments Committee of IPSO