

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 75<sup>th</sup> MEETING HELD ON 9 MAY 2013**

Present: Lord Jay (Chairman)  
Baroness Campbell  
Prof Dame Joan Higgins  
Lord Hart  
Lord Howard  
Dr John Low  
Baroness Scott

Clare Salters (Secretary)  
Ekpe Attah (secretariat)  
Maggie O'Boyle (press officer)

**Chairman's update**

1. The Government had announced its triennial review of the Commission on 4 March. The review would be undertaken by officials in the Cabinet Office and the findings of the review would be published. In common with all such reviews, it would challenge the continuing need for the Commission; and, if it found the Commission should remain in existence, it would examine its governance arrangements.
2. The Cabinet Office had aimed to complete the review in April, but it was now expected to report by the end of May.
3. The Chairman had agreed to appear before the Political and Constitutional Reform Committee of the House of Commons on 27 June.
4. The Chairman planned to write to the Cabinet Secretary, reminding him that his term of office came to an end in October 2013, and seeking confirmation that the Prime Minister was not expecting the next recommendations from the Commission until 2014. Subject to this confirmation, it was agreed that the Chairman would write to the individuals whose nominations it had retained to update them on the progress of their nominations.

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**Freedom of information**

7. The Commission was informed about one recent FOI case.

**Communications**

8. The Press Officer updated the Commission on recent media coverage.

**Any other business**

9. The Commission agreed to meet next in mid to late June. The secretariat would write out with possible dates.

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