

HOLAC (15)2nd
HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MEETING

Thursday 5th February 2015 at 1 Horse Guards Road, London

Commission Members

Lord Hart of Chilton, Lord Howard of Lympne, Lord Kakkar (Chairman), Lord Low of Dalston, Professor Gillian Peele, and Sir Malcolm Ross.

Secretariat

Ekpe Attah, Deborah De Beukelaer, Catherine Millington, Maggie O'Boyle, and Clare Salters.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Baroness Scott.

2. Minutes of the last meeting HoLAC(15)1st

The minutes of the last meeting were approved, subject to making it clear that the Commission had not made any recommendations to the Prime Minister for non-party-political peerages in 2013 or 2014.

3. Chairman's update

The High Court had handed down its judgment on the claim made against the Commission under the Data Protection Act. The Court had found in favour of the Commission's arguments in all respects.

The vetting of the last of the Prime Minister's direct nominations to the Crossbenches (during the current Parliament) had been completed. The Commission was therefore content to approve the nomination.

The Chairman had responded to the letter from [REDACTED], as agreed at the last meeting.

4. Agreeing which nominees to recommend for appointment

A panel made up of Lord Kakkar, Lord Howard and Lord Hart had interviewed [REDACTED] for the second time. [REDACTED]

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There were now six candidates with a score of 1: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Commission discussed whether it should retain or reject the remaining names. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

5. Any Other Business

Lord Hart noted that the most recently appointed Supreme Court Justices had not been granted peerages, and were therefore not able to join the Lords automatically on their retirement.

[REDACTED]

At the next meeting, the Commission would consider new nominations received and the work on the analysis of the skills in the House of Lords. This would be preceded by a Sub-Committee

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meeting for an initial sift of the new nominations. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Action Point: the Secretariat to set up a Sub-Committee meeting and a Commission meeting after Easter, and a Commission meeting in June [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Commission Secretariat
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