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HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MEETING

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 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, Sir Malcolm Ross and Baroness Scott of Needham Market

**Secretariat**

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

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Clare Salters.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting HoLAC(14)3<sup>rd</sup>**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**3. Chairman's update**

The name of the last of the Prime Minister's nominations to the crossbenches had been received; the individual was in the process of being vetted, and the secretariat was waiting to hear back from one agency. The Commission was content to approve the nomination if the agency came back with no comments.

[REDACTED] The Commission agreed that if an individual was still an active member of a party, it would be inappropriate for them to join the crossbenches. If they had left the party, they could go through the HoLAC route, and would be assessed in the same way as other candidates.

Action point: the Secretariat to draft a response to the letter.

The Commission was still waiting for the Court's decision in the [REDACTED] DPA case.

**4. Consideration of nominations following interviews**

The Commission made an amendment [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. The Commission was happy with all other records of interviews, with the exception of two spelling mistakes.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Commission discussed each candidate to satisfy themselves that they had been assessed correctly. The Commission concluded they were happy with the assessment of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**5. Communications**

The press officer provided an update on recent media coverage.

**6. Any Other Business**

The second interview of [REDACTED] was confirmed to take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10 am, with Lord Kakkar, Lord Hart and Lord Howard on the panel.

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The follow-up Commission meeting was confirmed to take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am. Baroness Scott would be unable to attend.

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