

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE 14TH MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2001**

**Present:**

**Lord Stevenson (Chairman)**

**Lord Dholakia**

**Lord Hurd**

**Baroness Dean**

**Dame Deirdre Hine**

**Mrs Felicity Huston**

**Mr Jim Barron – Commission Secretariat**

**Mrs Geraldine Alexander – Commission Secretariat**

**Ms Maggie O'Boyle – Press Officer**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs Angela Sarkis.

**2. Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Commission**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2001 were agreed.

**3. Parliamentary Question**

The Commission noted that the Prime Minister was to answer a parliamentary question on the Commission in the New Year. It was hoped that the question would be answered to coincide with the debates in both Houses on further reform of the Lords.

**4. Annual report**

The Commission considered the draft annual report. Following discussion, further revisions were made to the draft. It was agreed that the report should be ready for publication in the New Year.

**5. White Paper response**

The Commission considered its draft response to the government's White Paper on further reform of the Lords. Some revisions were made to the draft following discussion.

**6. Select Committee**

The Chairman confirmed that he has been invited to submit evidence to the Select Committee on Public Administration on the 24 January 2002.

## **7. AOB**

The Commission considered whether or not a British citizen who was currently resident outside of the UK would be eligible to be appointed. It confirmed that - as in the consideration of all nominations for membership of the House - its approach should sit alongside its practice for vetting; that individuals should be ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes. In addition, the individual should have their main residence in the UK. Thereafter, each case would be treated on its merits.

The Commission considered its future steps. It was agreed that the paper on action points that was submitted to the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> November should be re-circulated to all members to be considered at the next meeting.

Geraldine Alexander  
7 January 2002