

## **HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THE 15TH MEETING HELD ON 14 JANUARY 2002**

#### **Present:**

Lord Stevenson (Chairman)  
Lord Dholakia  
Lord Hurd  
Baroness Dean  
Dame Deirdre Hine  
Mrs Felicity Huston  
Mrs Angela Sarkis

Mr Jim Barron – Commission Secretariat  
Mrs Geraldine Alexander – Commission Secretariat  
Ms Maggie O'Boyle – Press Officer

#### **Apologies**

1. There were no apologies.

#### **Minutes of the fourteenth meeting of the Commission**

2. The minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2001 were agreed.

#### **Annual report**

3. The Commission considered the draft annual report. Following discussion, further revisions were made to the draft. A final draft would be circulated to all members for comments before publication.
4. A copy of the report would be sent to the Prime Minister, which would be placed in the library of the House of Commons. If similar models were followed, it would be published by means of a Parliamentary question.
5. A press release would accompany the publication of the annual report. This would be an opportunity for the Commission to publicise that they continue to invite nominations. The Commission would also consider wider publicity of its relaunch, such as a mailing to a number of targeted organisations.

#### **White Paper response**

6. The Commission considered its draft response to the government's White Paper on further reform of the Lords, and agreed amendments to the draft.

#### **Select Committee**

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7. The Commission would provide the Select Committee with written evidence. The Chairman would also take the opportunity to make an opening statement during his oral evidence.

**Action points paper**

8. The Commission considered the Secretariat's suggestions for future action and agreed that it needed confirmation from the Prime Minister about the number and timing of recommendations over the next 12 to 24 months before deciding what action to take. The Chairman would write to the Prime Minister requesting clarification on this matter. However, that the Secretariat should continue its review of the information pack.

Geraldine Alexander  
16 January 2002