

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF THE 62<sup>nd</sup> MEETING HELD ON 20 October 2010**

Present: Lord Jay (Chairman)  
Baroness Campbell  
Baroness Dean  
Prof Dame Joan Higgins  
Lord Hurd  
Dr John Low

Geraldine Alexander (secretariat)  
Matthew Carey (secretariat)  
Richard Jarvis (secretariat)  
Maggie O'Boyle (press officer)



**Apologies**

1. Apologies were received from Lord Dholakia.

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2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July were agreed.

**Chairman's update**

3. The Commission's two nominees, Professor Peter Hennessy and Professor Sheila Hollins had both been announced to minimal press coverage.
4. The Prime Minister had indicated that he would wish to continue to reserve the right to recommend up to ten crossbench peerages over the course of a Parliament. These exceptions would be for distinguished former public servants on their retirement.
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6. Following the Government's review of public bodies, it has been confirmed that the Commission will be retained.
7. It was understood that the Prime Minister had written to the leaders of the other political parties inviting them to each nominate a new party-political member of the Commission.
8. The Chairman updated the Commission on meetings he had held with the three Leaders in the House of Lords, the Convenor of the Cross-benches, Bernard Jenkin MP,  Sir Gus O'Donnell, Lord Hunt and Baroness Hayman.
9. The Chairman updated the Commission on progress on House of Lords reform.

10. The Commission noted two letters the Chairman had received: one regarding the appointment of Stephen Green to the House of Lords, the other a letter from [REDACTED]

#### Consideration of nominees (paper 2)

11. The Commission discussed declarations of knowledge made by Commission members. It agreed that Lord Dholakia would not participate in the consideration of [REDACTED] nomination and that Lord Jay would not participate in the consideration of either [REDACTED]

12. The Commission then proceeded to consider the recommendations made by sub-committees held in September.

- The Commission considered the recommendations of the sub-committee that met to consider newly sifted nominations. It also considered the updates received since the sub-committee met in September. It was agreed that of the 37 nominations (listed in Annex A) 34 were unsuccessful and 3 nominations [REDACTED] should be considered for interview. Unsuccessful nominees would be written to shortly, and their names circulated to all Members.
- It was agreed that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] nominations would be retained for further consideration. The Commission would write to [REDACTED] informing him that his nomination was unsuccessful.

#### Vetting of party-political nominees

13. The Commission began by considering the nomination of [REDACTED]. The Chairman would write to the Prime Minister straight away.

14. The Commission considered [REDACTED] Liberal Democrat nominations. It was agreed that Lord Dholakia would not take part in the consideration of any nominees on the Liberal Democrat list. [REDACTED]

#### Communications

15. The press officer updated the Commission on recent press enquiries.

#### Freedom of Information

16. The Commission was updated on recent requests for information.

**Any other business**

17. The next meeting of the Commission was scheduled for 3 November.

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