

HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE 45TH MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER 2007

Present: Lord Stevenson (Chairman)
Baroness Dean
Ms Angela Sarkis

Ms Geraldine Alexander – Secretariat
Mrs Paula Adshead – Secretariat

Apologies

1. There were apologies from Lord Hurd, Lord Dholakia, Mrs Felicity Huston and Mr Jim Barron, Secretary to the Commission.

Minutes

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2007 were agreed.

Chairman's update

3. The Chairman and Sir Gus O'Donnell had a meeting on 2 October, where they discussed the possible timing of the Commission's next list. The Chairman took the opportunity to remind Sir Gus that the independent members' terms came to an end in spring 2008. The Commission agreed that the Chairman should write to Sir Gus to formally remind him of this point.

Appointments

4. It was agreed that the Commission would recommend Sir Nicholas Stern and Professor Haleh Afshar in its next list. It would aim to announce these appointments within the next week.
5. The Commission would meet again before Christmas to agree a further list of recommendations.

Interviews

6. The Commission considered the list of possible interviewees. (It was noted that [REDACTED] were known by Lord Stevenson.) It was agreed that the Chairman would consider the list and identify those who should be prioritised for interview; he would then circulate his proposals to Members. Declaration forms would also be sent out with the priority list to record whom - if anyone - was known to individual Members.

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