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HOLAC (15)4th
HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MEETING

Tuesday 28th July 2015 at 1 Horse Guards Road, London

Commission Members

Lord Hart of Chilton, Lord Howard of Lympne, Lord Kakkar (Chairman), Professor Gillian Peele, Sir Malcolm Ross, and Baroness Scott of Needham Market.

Secretariat

Ekpe Attah, Catherine Millington, Maggie O'Boyle, Vicky Ramsden, Clare Salters and Alex Young.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Lord Low.

2. Minutes of the last meeting HoLAC(15)3rd

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3. Vetting party nominations – HoLAC15(05)

The Commission had received 30 names from the Conservative Party, 8 from the Labour Party, 11 from the Liberal Democrats and 1 from the DUP.

Following discussion, the Commission agreed that 42 names could be supported now, but further information was required before a final decision could be made on the full list.

Action Point: the secretariat to circulate the additional information and further discussion to take place by correspondence.

4. Sifting non-party-political nominations received April 2015 to June 2015 – HoLAC(15)06

The Commission had received 28 nominations since it last considered crossbench nominations at the meeting in April. The secretariat and a sub-committee of the Commission had sifted them.

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After discussion, the Commission agreed to reject all names, apart from [REDACTED], who would be retained for further consideration.

Action Point: the secretariat to write to the 27 unsuccessful nominees.

5. Update on HoLAC's nominations

HoLAC's four crossbench appointments had now received formal approval from The Queen, and the Commission discussed the timing of the announcement of their peerages. It was agreed that there was a need to separate HoLAC's nominees from the political list, and so the timing of the announcement would have to depend on when the dissolution list was published.

There were two interviewees that the Commission had not yet decided whether to retain or reject. Following discussion, it was decided that [REDACTED] should be rejected along with the other six unsuccessful interviewees, and that a meeting with HMRC should take place before a final decision was taken on [REDACTED]

6. Annual Report – HoLAC(15)07

Commission members were asked to send any comments on the draft Annual Report to the secretariat.

7. Communications

The press officer, Maggie O'Boyle, gave an oral update on recent media and press coverage.

Commission Secretariat
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