

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**3 August 2020**

**Video Conference**

**Attendees: Lord Bew, Baroness Browning, Lord Clark, Baroness Parminter (first meeting as Liberal Democrat representative), Lord Chartres, Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle**

**Apologies: none**

**Secretariat: Alison Bennett, Alex Morrow**

**Press Officer: Maggie O'Boyle**

**Chairman's Update**

1. Lord Bew thanked the Commission for its work in relation to the recent peerage lists, which he noted had now been announced. He made clear that the Secretariat would be engaging with staff at No 10 Downing Street in relation to future lists, in particular with regard to crossbench peers. Engagement would also take place with the leader of the Labour Party in relation to one of the nominations that has so far not been supported.

**Policy paper**

2. The Commission discussed a paper relating to the process by which an offer of substitutions to political parties whose original nominees have not been supported is made. It was agreed to update wording on the Commission website to clarify the position.

**Nominations**

3. The Chair reminded the Commission that the Prime Minister had offered HOLAC the opportunity to recommend two crossbench nominations during 2020. 89 new applications were examined, along with 7 applications held over from July 2019. The Commission selected 10 nominees to interview over the



autumn period. It was agreed that these interviews would take place via video conference.

### **Communications Update**

4. The Press Officer provided an update to the Commission in relation to relevant recent press coverage.

**HOLAC Secretariat**

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