

HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION MINUTES

23 November 2020
Video Conference

Attendees: Lord Bew, Baroness Browning, Lord Clark, Baroness Parminter, Lord Chartres, Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle, HOLAC Secretariat, HOLAC press officer

Apologies: none

Prime Ministerial public sector exceptions

1. The Commission undertook vetting duties in relation to public sector non-party-political crossbench nominations. Members of the Commission recused themselves as necessary when potential or perceived conflicts of interest were identified and took no part in the discussion.
2. Members agreed that when writing to the Prime Minister about his nominations, advice should be included reminding him of the convention that there is a limit of ten Prime Ministerial exceptions per Parliament.

HOLAC nominations

3. The Commission discussed its shortlist of non-party-political nominees for the crossbenches and agreed which two individuals it wished to propose to the Prime Minister. They would undergo the usual vetting checks before their names were submitted.
4. The Commission agreed to write to the other nominees to indicate that they had been unsuccessful on this occasion.

Any other business

5. It was noted that a political list was expected before the end of the year.

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