

HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
6 September 2023
1 Horse Guards Road

Attendees: Lord Bew, Baroness Noakes, Baroness Taylor, Baroness Parminter, Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle, Lord Chartres, Secretariat and Press Officer

Apologies

All members were in attendance.

Guidelines for crossbench appointments for applicants who have been actively involved with a political party

1. Following discussion in the previous meeting, the Commission approved the guidelines for crossbench applicants who had undertaken party political activity. The document was to be published on the HOLAC website.

Vetting responsibilities

2. The Commission carried out its vetting responsibilities.

Written evidence to PACAC

3. The members reviewed the draft version of the written evidence to the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee (PACAC) inquiry on the Membership of the House of Lords. (*Update: the evidence was submitted by the Commission on Friday 8 September 2023.*)

Sifting of crossbench applications

4. The members discussed the current round of applications for crossbench peerage recommendations. It was agreed that decisions on candidates for interview would be made once No. 10 had agreed the number of recommendations the Commission would be permitted to make.

Press update

5. The Press Officer updated members on recent press and TV reports relating to HOLAC work.

Any other business

6. The Secretariat provided an update on two Parliamentary Questions that had been received that related to the work of the Commission.

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