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Guidance for political parties: citations for political nominations to the House of Lords

Summary

1. The Government requires nominating parties to submit a citation for all political nominees, which will be collected by the House of Lords Appointments Commission (the Commission) and published on gov.uk on successful appointment. This document outlines the expectations for the citations received in support of political nominations.
2. The citation should be drafted by the parties themselves, to provide greater transparency to the public as to why an individual was nominated.
3. It is not within the Commission's remit to carry out vetting on suitability, nor is it for the Commission to assess the quality of the citations.

Content of citation

4. This should act as a brief summary of why an individual has been nominated to sit in the House of Lords.
5. The citation is expected to be no more than 150 words.

Timing and publication

6. Citations will be collected in the party chair certificate. On occasion, consent forms can be provided earlier to allow vetting to commence, but the Commission will not be able to finalise vetting until the party chair certificate has been received.
7. On publication, it will be made clear that each citation is drafted by the nominating party, rather than the Government.

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