

**HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**2 December 2024**

**Archbishop's Room, Millbank House**

**Attendees: Baroness Deech (Chair), Baroness Taylor, Baroness Parminter, Lord Chartres, Sir Hugh Robertson, Secretariat and Press Officer**

**Apologies**

**Baroness Noakes, Dame Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle, Wayne Reynolds**

1. Members discussed the ongoing recruitment process for two new independent Commission members, with the Secretariat providing an update.

**Update on meetings with Minister for Cabinet Office and Leader of the House of Lords**

2. The Chair provided an update on meetings she has had with the Leader of the House of Lords and the Minister for Cabinet Office.

**Update on crossbench applications**

3. The Secretariat provided an update on the crossbench application process, including statistics, improvements to the process and how updates were being communicated to applicants.

**Vetting of political peerage list**

4. The Commission carried out its vetting duties in relation to the political peerage list proposed by The Rt Hon Keir Starmer MP.

**Any other business**

5. The Secretariat provided an update on the Government's intention to publish citations going forward, and provided a draft guidance document for comment. Members agreed that this was a positive step that provided greater transparency.

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