HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE 29TH MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2005

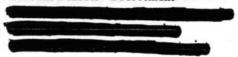
Present:

Lord Stevenson (Chairman)

Mrs Angela Sarkis Lord Dholakia Dame Deirdre Hine Lord Hurd

Mrs Felicity Huston

Mr Jim Barron - Secretariat



Apologies

1. Apologies were received from Baroness Dean.

Minutes of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Commission

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2004 were agreed.

Chairman's update

- The Commission had received a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for a copy of the minutes of all Commission meetings.
- The Chairman had written to the Senior Salaries Review Body. A copy of his letter, together with the reply from the Chairman of the SSRB would be circulated to the Commission.

Development of the vetting policy

- 5. The Commission considered the paper on the development of the vetting policy. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for the Party Chairman to provide a certificate instead of the Chief Whip. The Commission also agreed that it would continue to insist on UK residency when considering party political nominees.
- The Commission invited the Secretariat to draft a detailed vetting policy, which would, in due course, be circulated to the parties.

Honours Scrutiny Committee