

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
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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

3. The Commission had received a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for a copy of the minutes of all Commission meetings.
4. 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.
6. The Commission invited the Secretariat to draft a detailed vetting policy, which would, in due course, be circulated to the parties.

Honours Scrutiny Committee