

Consideration of names

6. It was noted that the Commission was yet to receive information from HMRC on [REDACTED] of its nominees; [REDACTED]. It was also seeking further information on one nominee from other government departments.
7. It was agreed that the nomination of [REDACTED] needed to be raised with Number 10 as an issue in its own right. Although [REDACTED] nomination had now been [REDACTED], the Commission was concerned that the [REDACTED] had been forwarded to it by No 10 without any comment on the propriety of this. A similar concern arose about the nomination of [REDACTED].
8. The Chairman confirmed that he had spoken to the Deputy Chairman of the [REDACTED], who confirmed that [REDACTED] nomination was endorsed by the Officers of the Party and by the wider party in general. It was agreed that there was no further action to take on this nomination.
9. The Commission noted the comments on [REDACTED] nomination in the No10 Honours Secretary's letter of 15 November. It agreed that it had no further comment on [REDACTED] nomination.
10. The Commission noted that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had made donations to other political parties. It was agreed that this was a relevant matter to consider when writing to the Prime Minister.
11. The Commission noted that [REDACTED] of the nominees, [REDACTED], had been the subject of some public controversy. It would need to consider the effect of this when making its recommendations to the Prime Minister.

Letter to the Prime Minister

12. It was agreed that the Commission would write to the Prime Minister highlighting the immediate problems with the list. This would also be an opportunity to set out the Commission's understanding of its role and to suggest that the system could be improved. The letter would also inform the Prime Minister that the Commission would be giving evidence to the Committee in Standards in Public Life on 24 November. A draft of this letter would be circulated to all members before being sent to the PM.