



HOUSE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

19 March 2013

Present:

L. Alderdice
L. Campbell-Savours
L. Craig of Radley
B. D'Souza (Chairman)
L. Hill of Oareford
L. Laming
L. McNally
B. Royall of Blaisdon
L. True
L. Sewel
L. Wakeham

together with the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Apologies were received from B. Hollis of Heigham.

Also present: Benet Hiscock (Director of Public Information), David Leakey (Black Rod), Andrew Makower (Finance Director), Chloe Mawson (Clerk of Select Committees), Jonathan Smith (Head of Finance), Philippa Tudor (Clerk of Committees) and Carl Woodall (Director of Facilities).

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee *agreed* the minutes of the last meeting.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee discussed the PCS strike occurring that day. The Director of Facilities described the expected impact on Catering and Retail Services and explained what mitigating steps were being taken. A member asked whether the strike was related to the proposed changes within Catering and Retail Services. The Clerk of the Parliaments replied that it was a national strike in response to national issues.

3. PROVISION OF IPADS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Following discussion, the Committee *agreed* that Select Committees should have the option of moving to paperless circulations. Where a member did not already have a tablet device provided as part of his or her IT equipment entitlement, an iPad could be loaned by the Committee Office to the member for the duration of his or her time on the Committee.

4. IMPLICATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSE

The Committee discussed the memorandum by the Lord Speaker ([H/12–13/24](#)). The Committee *agreed* that the Clerk of the Parliaments should gather relevant data about the impact of the size of the House on procedures, facilities and services. The Committee *agreed* to reconsider the matter once these data had been gathered.

5. PROPOSED TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

Following discussion, the Committee *agreed* the memorandum by the Clerk of the Parliaments (H/12–13/25) RESERVED.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

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