



## HOUSE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

28 January 2014

Present:

L. Alderdice  
L. Campbell-Savours  
L. Cope of Berkeley  
B. D'Souza (Chairman)  
L. Hill of Oareford  
L. Laming  
B. Royall of Blaisdon  
B. McDonagh  
L. Sewel

together with L. Bew and the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Apologies were received from L. Stirrup, L. True and L. Wallace of Tankerness.

Also present: Liz Hallam Smith (Director of Information Services & Librarian), Benet Hiscock (Director of Public Information), David Leakey (Black Rod), Andrew Makower (Finance Director) and Paul Martin (Parliamentary Security Director).

#### **1. MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

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

#### **2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 8<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **3. 2015 ANNIVERSARIES AND THE YEAR OF PARLIAMENT**

The Director of Information Services and Librarian presented her memorandum (H/13-14/35) RESERVED. Lord Bew, as co-chair of the Speakers' Advisory Group on 2015, also spoke to the memorandum.

After discussion, the Committee *took note* of the paper.

#### **4. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS RENEWAL PROGRAMME: UPDATE ON PROGRAMME DECISIONS**

The Parliamentary Security Director presented his memorandum (H/13-14/36) RESERVED.

After discussion, the Committee *took note* of the paper.

## **5. REIMBURSEMENT OF TAXI COSTS FOR TRAVEL ON PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS**

The Finance Director presented his memorandum ([H/13-14/37](#)).

After discussion, the Committee *agreed* that:

- The rules applying to parking and taxi-in-lieu costs applicable to “days of attendance” should also be applicable to days spent on UK travel (including journey time) on Parliamentary business, travel to the Scottish Parliament and Devolved Assemblies, and European Travel on Parliamentary business. They *agreed* that this would also apply to Industry and Parliament Trust-related travel; and
- In relation to such travel, other reasonable taxi costs should be reclaimable in full, rather than just the mileage rate. Such costs should be subject to the existing limit of £20 per day of attendance, and should exclude journeys made within Greater London.

## **6. CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENTS’ BRIEFING**

The Clerk of the Parliaments presented his memorandum ([H/13-14/38](#)).

The Committee *took note*.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A Member asked about the progress of the proposal for an Education Centre in Victoria Tower Gardens. The Chairman replied that the planning decisions remained outstanding.

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