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AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS

*The text of the amended Standing Order No. 39A (Voting by proxy) is as follows.*¹

39A. Voting by proxy

- (1) A Member eligible under paragraph (2) may arrange for their vote to be cast by one other Member acting as a proxy (a proxy vote) under a scheme drawn up by the Speaker in accordance with this order and published by him.
- (2) A Member is eligible for a proxy vote by reason of[. . .]²—
 - (a) *childbirth;*
 - (b) *care of an infant or newly adopted child;*
 - (c) *complications relating to childbirth, miscarriage or baby loss; and*
 - (d) *serious long-term illness or injury*³

subject to the conditions set out in the scheme published under paragraph (1) of this order.

- (3) A proxy vote may be cast—
 - (a) in any division, including a deferred division, in the House, in Committee of the whole House, save as provided in paragraph (4) below; and
 - (b) in a ballot cast in an election under Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot), Standing Order No. 2A (Election of the Deputy Speakers), Standing Order No. 122B (Election of select committee chairs) and Standing Order No. 122D (Election of Chair of Backbench Business Committee).

1 Order of 12 October 2022. New text is shown in italics.

2 Text omitted: "absence from the precincts of the House for childbirth or care of an infant or newly adopted child,".

3 Paragraph 2(d) is to have effect from 17 October 2022 until 30 April 2023.

- (4) No proxy vote shall be reckoned in the numbers participating in a division for the purposes of—
 - (a) Standing Order No. 41(1) (Quorum), and
 - (b) Standing Order No. 37 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).
- (5)
 - (a) A proxy vote may be cast only if the Speaker has certified that the Member for whom the vote is to be cast is eligible under the terms of this order.
 - (b) The Speaker shall cause that certificate, including the name of the Member nominated as a proxy, to be entered in the Votes and Proceedings no later than the sitting day on which it takes effect.
- (6) A vote cast by a proxy shall be clearly indicated as such in the division lists published under the authority of the House.

[...]¹

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee) is as follows.²

145. Liaison Committee

- (1) A select committee shall be appointed, to be called the Liaison Committee—
 - (a) to consider general matters relating to the work of select committees,
 - (b) to give such advice relating to the work of select committees as may be sought by the House of Commons Commission, and

¹ Text omitted: "(7) A Member is also eligible for a proxy vote by reason of absence from the precincts of the House in circumstances where there have been complications relating to childbirth; and the Speaker may make appropriate provision for the exercise of a proxy vote in such circumstances in the scheme drawn up under paragraph (1) above."

² Order of 30 November 2022. New text shown in italics.

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- (c) to report to the House its choice of select committee reports to be debated on such days as may be appointed by the Speaker in pursuance of paragraph (15) of Standing Order No. 10 (Sittings in Westminster Hall).
- (2) The committee may also hear evidence from the Prime Minister on matters of public policy.
- (3) The committee shall report its recommendations as to the allocation of time for consideration by the House of the estimates on any day or half day which may be allotted for that purpose; and upon a motion being made that the House do agree with any such report the question shall be put forthwith and, if that question is agreed to, the recommendations shall have effect as if they were orders of the House:
- Proceedings in pursuance of this paragraph, though opposed, may be decided after the expiration of the time for opposed business.
- (4) The committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, *to adjourn from place to place*, and to report from time to time.
- (5) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.
- (6) The committee shall have power to appoint two sub-committees, one of which shall be a National Policy Statements sub-committee.
- (7) A National Policy Statements sub-committee—
- (a) shall be composed of—
- (i) those members of the committee who are members of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Transport and Welsh Affairs Committees; and

- (ii) up to two other members of the committee, one of whom shall be appointed chair of the sub-committee;
 - (b) shall report to the committee on the use of the committee's powers under paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 152H (Planning: national policy statements); and
 - (c) may report to the committee on matters relating to national policy statements under the Planning Act 2008.
- (8) Each sub-committee shall have—
- (a) a quorum of three; and
 - (b) power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to report to the committee from time to time.
- (9) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the minutes of evidence taken before any sub-committee.
- (10) The quorum of the committee shall be as provided in Standing Order No. 124 (Quorum of select committees), save that for consideration of a report from a National Policy Statements sub-committee under sub-paragraph (7)(b) the quorum shall be three.

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 145 (Committee on Standards) is as follows.¹

149. Committee on Standards

- (1) There shall be a select committee, called the Committee on Standards—
 - (a) to oversee the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards except in relation to the conduct of individual cases under the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme; to examine the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Financial

¹ Order of 18 October 2022. New text shown in italics.

Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House; to review from time to time the form and content of those registers; and to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests referred to it by the Commissioner;

- (b) to consider any matter relating to the conduct of Members, including specific complaints in relation to alleged breaches in any code of conduct to which the House has agreed and which have been drawn to the committee's attention by the Commissioner; and to recommend any modifications to such code of conduct as may from time to time appear to be necessary; and
 - (c) in accordance with Standing Order No. 150E (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015) to report to the House recommendations for sanctions to run concurrently with sanctions determined by a sub-panel of the IEP and implemented by the House.
- (2) The committee shall consist of seven Members, and seven lay members.
 - (3) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.
 - (4) The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees and to refer to such sub-committees any of the matters referred to the committee.
 - (5) Lay members may take part in proceedings of the committee and of any sub-committee to which they are appointed and may ask questions of witnesses, may move motions and amendments to motions or draft reports, and may vote.
 - (6) The quorum of the committee shall be three members who are Members of this House and three lay members, and the quorum of any sub-committee shall be three, of whom at least one shall be a Member of this House and at least one a lay member.

- (7) The committee and any sub-committee shall have power—
 - (a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House and to adjourn from place to place;
 - (b) subject to the provisions of paragraph (8) of this order, to report from time to time;
 - (c) to appoint legal advisers, and to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference.
- (8) Any lay member present at a meeting at which a report has been agreed shall have the right to submit a paper setting out that lay member's opinion on the report. The Committee shall not consider a motion that the Chair make a report to the House until it has ascertained whether any lay member present wishes to submit such a paper; and any such paper shall be appended to the report in question before it is made to the House.
- (9) The committee shall have power to order the attendance of any Member before the committee or any sub-committee and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries, or to the inquiries of a sub-committee or of the Commissioner, be laid before the committee or any sub-committee.
- (10) The committee, or any sub-committee, shall have power to refer to unreported evidence of former Committees on Standards and Privileges and of former Committees on Standards and to any documents circulated to any such committee.
- (11) The committee shall have power to refuse to allow proceedings to which the public are admitted to be broadcast.
- (12) The Attorney General, the Advocate General and the Solicitor General, being Members of the House, may attend the committee or any sub-committee, may take part in

deliberations, may receive committee or sub-committee papers and may give such other assistance to the committee or sub-committee as may be appropriate, but shall not vote or make any motion or move any amendment or be counted in the quorum.

- (13) *The committee and any sub-committee shall have power to communicate its evidence and any other information in its possession to a sub-panel of the Independent Expert Panel in respect of a Code of Conduct case that has been appealed to the Panel.*
- (14) *The Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on a motion to implement a sanction recommended by the Committee (or a sub-panel of the Independent Expert Panel where it recommends a sanction following an appeal) in respect of a Code of Conduct case forthwith; such a motion may be proceeded with until any hour, though opposed, and no Member shall be eligible to participate in any division on such a motion where it relates to their own conduct.*

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 150 (Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards) is as follows.¹

150. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

- (1) There shall be an Officer of this House, called the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, who shall be appointed by the House.
- (2) The principal duties of the Commissioner shall be—
- (a) to maintain the Register of Members' Financial Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House, and to make such arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of those registers as are approved by the Committee on Standards or an appropriate sub-committee thereof;

¹ Order of 18 October 2022. New text shown in italics.

- (b) to provide advice confidentially to Members and other persons or bodies subject to registration on matters relating to the registration of individual interests;
 - (c) to advise the Committee on Standards, its sub-committees and individual Members on the interpretation of any code of conduct to which the House has agreed and on questions of propriety;
 - (d) to monitor the operation of such code and registers, and to make recommendations thereon to the Committee on Standards or an appropriate sub-committee thereof;
 - (e) to investigate, if he thinks fit, specific matters which have come to his attention relating to the conduct of Members and to report to the Committee on Standards or to an appropriate sub-committee thereof, unless the provisions of paragraph (4) apply; and
 - (f) to oversee investigations and make findings in cases against Members under the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme; to refer such cases to the Independent Panel of Experts where a sanction beyond her powers is contemplated; and to assist the Panel and its sub-panels in its work.
- (3) In determining whether to investigate a specific matter relating to the conduct of a Member the Commissioner shall have regard to whether in his view there is sufficient evidence that the Code of Conduct or the rules relating to registration or declaration of interests may have been breached to justify taking the matter further.
- (4) No report shall be made by the Commissioner—
- (a) in any case where the Member concerned has agreed that he has failed to register or declare an interest, if it is the Commissioner's opinion that the interest involved is minor, or the failure was inadvertent[...]¹;

¹ Text omitted: ", and the Member concerned has taken such action by way of rectification as the Commissioner may have required within any procedure approved by the Committee for this purpose".

- (b) in any case involving parliamentary allowances, or the use of facilities or services[...]¹;
- (c) *in any case relating to the rules for All-Party Parliamentary Groups if it is the Commissioner's opinion that the breach involved is minor, or the failure was inadvertent—*
where the Member concerned has, by agreement, taken such action by way of rectification as the Commissioner may have required.

(5) The Commissioner shall have power to—

- (a) instigate informal discussions with a Member to indicate concern about the Member's reported attitude, behaviour or conduct; and
- (b) require a Member to attend a formal meeting at which the Commissioner may indicate concern about or give words of advice on the Member's reported attitude, behaviour or conduct.

[...]²

- (6) The Commissioner shall report each year to the House on the exercise by him of his functions.
- (7) The Commissioner shall have leave to publish from time to time—
 - (a) information and papers relating to—
 - (i) matters resolved in accordance with paragraph (4) of this order; and
 - (ii) complaints not upheld;
 - and

1 Text omitted: ", if the Commissioner has with the agreement of the Member concerned referred the matter to the relevant Officer of the House for the purpose of securing appropriate financial reimbursement, and the Member has made such reimbursement within such period of time as the Commissioner considers reasonable."

2 Paragraphs (6) to (11) omitted.

- (b) information about complaints received and matters under investigation.
- (8) The Commissioner may be dismissed only following a resolution of the House, moved for by a Member of the House of Commons Commission, after the Committee on Standards has reported to the House that it is satisfied that the Commissioner is unfit to hold his office or unable to carry out his functions; and any such report shall include a statement of the Committee's reasons for its conclusion.

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 150A (Independent Expert Panel) is as follows.¹

150A. Independent Expert Panel

- (1) There shall be a Panel, to be known as the Independent Expert Panel, whose members shall be appointed by the House in accordance with Standing Order No. 150C (Appointment of Independent Expert Panel Members).
- (2) The Panel shall consist of eight members, of whom a quorum shall be four.
- (3) The functions of the Panel shall be—
 - (a) to determine the appropriate sanction in Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme (ICGS) cases referred to it by the Parliamentary Commissioner on Standards;
 - (b) to hear appeals against the decisions of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards in respect of ICGS cases involving Members of this House;
 - (c) to hear appeals against a sanction imposed under paragraph (a);
 - (d) to report from time to time, through the Clerk of the House, on the operation of the ICGS as it relates to Members of this House;

¹ Order of 18 October 2022.

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- (e) to hear appeals against the decisions of the Committee on Standards under Standing Order No. 149(1)(b) in relation to individual cases under the Code of Conduct;
 - (f) to consider any case of non-compliance by a Member of this House with a sanction imposed under sub-paragraph (a) or any other recommendation made in a report by a sub-panel in relation to an ICGS case; and to determine the appropriate sanction.
- (4) The Panel may elect its own Chair.
- (5) The responsibilities of the Chair shall include—
- (a) ensuring that the Panel and its sub-panels comply with the provisions of the relevant resolutions and standing orders of this House, and with the Procedural Protocol for Code of Conduct cases;
 - (b) the appointment of sub-panels to consider individual cases;
 - (c) co-ordinating the work of the Panel with that of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards in relation to ICGS cases and the Committee on Standards in relation to Code of Conduct cases;
 - (d) referring any report from a sub-panel which determines, or confirms on appeal, a sanction that can only be imposed by the House, and any other report from a sub-panel that the Chair considers should be published, to the Clerk of the House who shall lay it upon the Table of the House;
 - (e) informing the parties concerned of the outcome of any other ICGS case reported to the Chair by a sub-panel, and ensuring compliance as appropriate with sanctions determined or recommendations made by a sub-panel;
 - (f) establishing the procedure for an appeal against the findings or determination of a sub-panel in cases referred under (3)(a) above;

- (g) ensuring publication of an Annual Report on the functioning of the Panel and its sub-panels by referring the report to the Clerk of the House for laying on the Table.
- (6) The Panel and any sub-panel shall have power—
 - (a) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;
 - (b) to order the attendance of any Member before it and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries, or to the inquiries of the Commissioner, be laid before it;
 - (c) to appoint legal advisers, and to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the Panel's order of reference.

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 150B (Independent Expert Panel: Sub-panels) is as follows.¹

150B. Independent Expert Panel: Sub-panels

- (1) Cases referred to the Independent Expert Panel under Standing Order No. 150A (Independent Expert Panel) shall be considered by a sub-panel appointed under paragraph (5)(b) of that order.
- (2) A sub-panel shall consist of three members of the Panel and shall have a quorum of three.
- (3) Sub-panels shall sit in private.
- (4) A sub-panel may request the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards to conduct further investigations in respect of an ICGS case referred to it and may specify the matters to be covered in that investigation.
- (5) In respect of a Code of Conduct case a sub-panel may request that the Committee on Standards or the Parliamentary

¹ Order of 18 October 2022.

Commissioner for Standards share specific documents or records in their possession relating to the sub-panel's inquiries.

- (6) In respect of each case referred to it, a sub-panel shall make a report of its findings to the Chair of the Panel.
- (7) Where an appeal is made against a finding or determination of a sanction by a sub-panel in an ICGS case, a new sub-panel shall be established to hear that appeal. No member shall be eligible to hear an appeal against the decision of a sub-panel on which they have served.

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 150D (Motions consequent on the ICGS) is as follows.¹

150D. Motions consequent on the ICGS

- (1) A motion may be moved by a member of the House of Commons Commission to implement a sanction in respect of an individual ICGS case determined by a sub-panel of the Independent Expert Panel.
- (2) A motion under paragraph (1) of this Order includes a motion to implement a sanction recommended by the Committee on Standards under Standing Order No. 150E (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015), or a motion to implement both such a sanction and a sanction determined by a sub-panel of the IEP.
- (3) The Speaker shall put the questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on a motion under paragraph (1) of this order forthwith.
- (4) Business under this order may be proceeded with until any hour, though opposed.
- (5) *No Member shall be eligible to participate in any division on such a motion where it relates to their own conduct.*

¹ Order of 18 October 2022. New text is shown in italics.

The text of the amended Standing Order No. 150E (IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015) is as follows.¹

150E. IEP recommendations for sanctions and the Recall of MPs Act 2015

- (1) The Chair of the IEP shall send to the Chair and Members of the Committee on Standards and to the Clerk of that Committee any report from a sub-panel of the IEP which he has referred to the Clerk of the House under subparagraph (5)(d) of Standing Order No. 150A (Independent Expert Panel) and which contains a determination for a sanction that would, if made by the Committee on Standards, engage the provisions of the Recall of MPs Act 2015.
- (2) Where a report has been sent to the Committee on Standards in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Order *in relation to an ICGS case, or where a sub-panel has determined a sanction different to that recommended by the Committee on Standards in a Code of Conduct case*, the Committee of Standards shall make a report to the House in relation to the Member named in that report, setting out a recommendation for a suspension equal to that recommended by the sub-panel to run concurrently with any sanction imposed as a result of the sub-panel's determination.
- (3) Reports under paragraph (2) must be made no later than on the third sitting day after the report of the IEP sub-panel is sent to members of the Committee on Standards, save that the day on which the report is sent shall not be counted in calculating this period.
- (4) If the Committee on Standards is unable to meet within three sitting days, the Chair shall, if satisfied that the report from the IEP sub-panel has been sent to all members of the Committee, make the report to the House from the Committee required under paragraph (2).

¹ Order of 18 October 2022. New text is shown in italics.

*The text of the amended Standing Order No. 152H (Planning: national policy statements) is as follows.*¹

152H. Planning: national policy statements

- (1) Whenever a proposal for a national policy statement is laid before this House under section 9(2) of the Planning Act 2008 ('the Act'), the Liaison Committee shall report either—
 - (a) that it has designated a select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments), or
 - (b) that it recommends the appointment of a National Policy Statement Committeeto consider the proposal.
- (2) A National Policy Statement Committee—
 - (a) shall be composed of not fewer than seven nor more than fourteen members, all of whom shall be, at the time of nomination, members of one or more of the following select committees—
 - Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
 - Environmental Audit*
 - Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
 - Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
 - Science and Technology*
 - Transport
 - Welsh Affairs;
 - (b) shall have power—
 - (i) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place within the UK; and

¹ Order of 30 November 2022. New text is shown in italics.

- (ii) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee's order of reference; and
 - (c) may report from time to time and shall cease to exist when the relevant national policy statement is designated.
- (3) A committee designated or appointed to consider a proposal for a national policy statement shall have power, in the course of its proceedings under this order, to invite Members of the House who are not members of the committee to attend, and, at the discretion of the chair, take part in, its proceedings, but such Members may not move any motion or amendment to any motion or draft report, nor vote nor be counted in the quorum of the committee.

ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE HOUSE

The text of the amended Resolution (Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of Section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009) is as follows.¹

Positions for which additional salaries are payable for the purposes of Section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009

Resolution of 19 March 2013 (amended 26 March 2015, 11 October 2016, 4 July and 12 September 2017, 30 January and 16 July 2018, 16 January, 3 February and 2 March 2020, 20 May 2021, 20 June 2022)

Resolved, That—

- (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the following offices or positions are specified for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the

¹ Order of 20 June 2022. New text is shown in italics.

Parliamentary Standards Act 2009, with effect from 1 April 2013—

- (a) the Chair of a select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments), the Administration Committee, the Backbench Business Committee, the Environmental Audit Committee, the European Scrutiny Committee, the European Statutory Instruments Committee, the Finance Committee, the Liaison Committee, the Petitions Committee, the Select Committee on Procedure, the Committee of Public Accounts, the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, the Committee of Selection, the Committee on Standards, the Joint Committee on Human Rights or the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, *the Select Committee on the High Speed Rail (Crewe - Manchester) Bill*; and
 - (b) a member of the Panel of Chairs appointed under Standing Order No. 4 (Panel of Chairs), other than a member who is the Chair of a committee specified in subparagraph (a) or a member who is entitled to an additional salary by virtue of any provision of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975.
- (2) If a Member already holds an office or position referred to in paragraph (1)(a), then any other office or position referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is not specified for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 in respect of any period for which that other post or position is held by that Member.
 - (3) Any office or position referred to in paragraph (1)(a) for the purposes of section 4A(2) of the Parliamentary Standards Act 2009 is not specified for the purposes of that section in respect of any period in which it is held by a Member who is also entitled to an additional salary by virtue of any provision of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975.

- (4) Any reference to any committee in paragraph (1)(a) shall, if the name of the committee is changed, be taken to be a reference to the committee by its new name.