

Questions and Answers under business rule 6.3

(Question 1 was asked at the Special Session of Synod to Appoint an Archbishop on 4 June 2001.)

2. Support for St John's Darlinghurst

Mr Doug Pearson asked –

- (a) What financial and other resources has the Diocese provided to the Parish of St John's Darlinghurst, during the last year, to assist that Parish in meeting the unique and extremely heavy pastoral care demands made upon it by the mentally ill, the drug addicted and the dispossessed of the area?
- (b) Will the Archbishop undertake to place the very real needs of the people of this area before the Standing Committee to ensure that the staff of the Parish have the resources necessary for them to care for these people in need?

To which the President replied –

I am informed the answers are as follows –

- (a) In 2000, a grant of \$25,000 for a parish outreach worker was provided by the South Sydney Regional Council from funds made available by the Synod. A similar grant has been made in 2001 and is proposed to be made in 2002.

During 2001 the parish has also received a further \$17,000 from the Archbishop's Community Care and Development Program being \$15,000 towards funding a community assistance worker and \$2,000 for emergency relief.

- (b) I recognise the special needs of the parish of East Sydney. Nonetheless, the proper course of action for the parish is to approach their regional council for additional financial assistance if this is necessary.

3. Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre (2)

Canon David Mulready asked –

- (a) In their deliberations over the sale of Gilbulla, did the Standing Committee confer with any other Dioceses, in particular, the Dioceses which contributed to the purchase of Gilbulla, such as the Dioceses of Brisbane, Perth and New Guinea?
- (b) Is it the intention of the Standing Committee to share the proceeds of the sale of Gilbulla with those Dioceses? If not, why not?
- (c) Is it the intention of the Standing Committee to share the proceeds of the sale of Gilbulla with other significant benefactors, such as St John's Parramatta whose gift of £25,000 in 1954 was used to pay out in full, the entire loan taken out to purchase Gilbulla?
- (d) If the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre is sold, how does the Standing Committee propose to perpetuate the memory of Anglican Chaplains who served in the Armed Forces during the war years, seeing that Gilbulla exists as such a memorial?
- (e) As of 26 October 2001, how many letters have been received by the Diocesan Secretary concerning the current move to sell Gilbulla? How many of these support the sale of Gilbulla?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answers are as follows –

- (a) No. Other dioceses were not required to be consulted because the Gilbulla property is church trust property for the Diocese of Sydney.

- (b) & (c) The application of the proceeds of sale is for the Synod to determine. The proposed ordinance contemplates that the proceeds of sale will be applied for the same purposes as the trusts on which the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre is currently held.
- (d) This matter has not yet been considered.
- (e) Approximately 100 letters had been received as of 26 October 2001. 2 of those letters support the sale of Gilbulla.

4. Synod Service

Ms Naomi Spencer asked –

What are the reasons for moving the welcoming communion service from St Andrew's Cathedral to evening prayer at the Wesley Centre?

To which the President replied -

I am informed that the answer is as follows –

The tradition of commencing Synod with a service of Holy Communion is relatively recent. Up until the last few years it was traditional to hold a Communion service every 3rd year with Evening Prayer on the other 2.

The move to the Wesley Centre was an experiment to see if a wider group would be able to attend. It was also an attempt to make a more organic connection to the proceedings of Synod.

5. Motions on Synod business paper

Canon James McPherson asked –

- (a) For the ordinary sessions of Synod from 1996 to 2000 inclusive, how many notices of motion were listed on the business paper for the first day, under the heading "Motions Received by the Standing Committee"?
- (b) Of those notices of motion, how many -
 - (i) Were withdrawn by the Mover?
 - (ii) Were passed by the Synod, with or without amendment?
 - (iii) Were defeated by the Synod, with or without amendment?
 - (iv) Were referred by Synod to the Standing Committee?
 - (v) Were not discussed at all by the Synod?
- (c) For the ordinary sessions of Synod from 1996 to 2000 inclusive, how many of the motions received by the Standing Committee and listed on the business paper for the first day were similar or identical in substance to a motion received by the Standing Committee for the immediately previous Ordinary Session of the Synod?
- (d) Of those notices of motion previously presented, how many had been so listed for two or more successive Ordinary Sessions of the Synod?
- (e) Statistically, what were the mean, the modal, and the median number of listings for such notices of motion?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answers to these questions are set out in a page of statistical information circulated to Synod members today entitled "Answers to Questions asked by Canon James McPherson on 26 October 2001" [see *below*].

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- (a) Number of motions listed under the heading “Motions received by the Standing Committee” on the first day of the session.

Year of session	No. of motions listed
1996	16
1997	9
1998	22
1999	23
2000	17

- (b) Results of motions listed under the heading “Motions received by the Standing Committee” on the first day of the session.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Withdrawn	2	3	1	2	-
Passed by Synod	8	4	7	7	8
Defeated by Synod/previous question	-	2	1	-	-
Not discussed but referred to Standing Committee	-	1	13	-	-
Not discussed or referred to the Standing Committee	6	-	-	14	9
Total	16	9	22	23	17

- (c) Number of motions listed under the heading “Motions received by the Standing Committee” on the first day of a session which were in substance the same as motions listed under the heading “Motions received by the Standing Committee” on the first day of the session in the previous year.

Year of session	No. of motions listed
1996	1
1997	1
1998	2
1999	4
2000	9

- (d) Number of motions listed under the heading “Motions received by the Standing Committee” on the first day of a session which had been similarly listed for 2 or more preceding ordinary sessions of the Synod.

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Year of session	No. of motions listed for the 2nd consecutive time	No. of motions listed for the 3rd consecutive time	No. of motions listed for the 4th consecutive time	Total
1996	1	-	-	1
1997	1	-	-	1
1998	2	-	-	2
1999	3	1	-	4
2000	6	2	1	9
Total	13	3	1	17

- (e) From 1996 to 2000 inclusive –
- (i) the average number of motions referred to in (d) per year is 3.4 (being 17/5),
 - (ii) the commonest frequency of such motions is 1, in 1996 and 1997, and
 - (iii) the median number of such motions so listed is 2, in 1998.

6. Ministry training at Moore College

Canon Jim Ramsay asked –

With respect to people offering for ministry training -

- (a) How many people applied to enter 1st year at Moore College in 2001?
- (b) How many people were accepted into 1st year at Moore College in 2001?
- (c) How many people have applied for 1st year at Moore College in 2002?
- (d) Approximately how many students are anticipated in 1st year in 2002?
- (e) What were the total student numbers, across all years, in 1991, 1996, 2001?
- (f) With respect to questions (a) to (d) what percentages are women?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answers to these questions are set out in a page of statistical information circulated to Synod members today entitled “Answers to Questions asked by Canon Jim Ramsay on 26 October 2001”.

7. Use of the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre

The Rev Stephen Semenchuk asked –

- (a) For each of the last 5 years and the first 9 months of 2001, how many Sydney Anglican parishes have used Gilbulla for a weekend or a midweek retreat?
- (b) Overall in the last 5 years, how many different Sydney Anglican parishes have used Gilbulla’s facilities?
- (c) Which non-parish Sydney Anglican organisations have used Gilbulla during the last 3 years?
- (d) How many weekends has Gilbulla been vacant during the last 3 years?
- (e) What is the present fee structure for a weekend houseparty at Gilbulla, and at Rathane?

To which the President replied –

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I am informed that the answers to these questions are set out on a page of information circulated to Synod members today entitled "Answers to Questions asked by the Rev Stephen Semenchuk on 26 October 2001" although I draw your attention to the following. [*See below*]

Gilbulla was used by 25 Sydney Anglican parishes in 1998, not 14 as is referred to in paragraph (a) on the page circulated to members.

Gilbulla was vacant for only 17 weekends in 2000, not 21 weekends as is referred to in paragraph (d).

Answers to Questions asked by the Rev Stephen Semenchuk on 26 October 2001

- (a) The number of Sydney Anglican parishes that have used Gilbulla over the last 5 years is as follows –

1997	28
1998	14
1999	25
2000	25
2001	29

(There are approximately 100 mid-week and weekend time slots per year, and 260 parochial units in the diocese).

- (b) From 1997 to 2001 inclusive a total of 59 different Sydney Anglican parishes have used Gilbulla.
- (c) From 1999 to 2001 inclusive the non-parish Anglican organisations that have used Gilbulla were –

Anglican Retirement Villages	GFS
Anglicare	Lalor Park Anglican School
Beach Mission Team Sawtell	Moore College
Bishops	Mothers Union
Broughton College	Ordinands
Camp Howard Study	SCEGGS Redlands
Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council	South Sydney Regional Council
Church Army	South Sydney Regional Clergy
Continuing Education for Ministers	Wollongong Clergy
Cursillo	Wollongong Clergy Wives
Deacons & Ordinands	Year 3 Candidates Retreat
Diocesan Clergy Wives	Youthworks Staff Conference
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- (d) Gilbulla has been vacant for 17 weekends in 1999, 21 weekends in 2000 and 13 weekends in 2001.
- (e) The present fee structure for a weekend is –

	<i>Gilbulla</i> (= 2 days less 1 meal)	<i>Rathane</i> (2 x daily rate)
Adults/high school	\$109	\$ 98
7-12 yrs	\$ 63	\$ 80
4-6 yrs	\$ 30	-
3-5 yrs	-	\$ 52
3 & under	free	free

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	<i>Gilbulla</i> (= 2 days less 1 meal)	<i>Rathane</i> (2 x daily rate)
Family	\$346	\$352

8. Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney - Taber Park land

The Rev Peter Stavert asked –

- (a) Has the Board of Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney considered the presence of the Taber Park land at Menangle Park given to ARV almost 40 years ago for the development of a retirement village in the Campbelltown area?
- (b) Has the Board plans for the development of this land in an area of large population and negligible aged care facilities?

To which the President replied –

I am informed the answers are as follows –

- (a) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney (“ARV”) continually researches the need for aged care facilities throughout the Diocese. Research to date indicates that, relative to other areas within the Diocese, Campbelltown is not yet a high priority area for the provision of residential aged care services.
- (b) ARV will continue to research aged care needs within the Diocese. Given the general population growth in the Campbelltown region it is probable that in future the need for aged care services, relative to other areas in the Diocese, will warrant the establishment of a residential aged care facility. With this in mind, ARV intends retaining the Taber Park land for potential future use.

In the meantime, ARV will continue to pursue opportunities to initiate and develop community based aged care services in the Campbelltown area.

9. Actions under the Parish Disputes Ordinance 1999

Mr Malcolm Rennie asked –

- (a) How many if any actions have been instigated under the Parish Disputes Ordinance 1999?
- (b) If so have any been resolved and what was the outcome?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answers are as follows –

- (a) None.
- (b) Not applicable.

10. Trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore

The Rev Brian Telfer asked –

- (a) Who were the trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore at the time of the last session of Synod?
- (b) Who has subsequently resigned as a trustee and when?
- (c) Were others appointed to fill these vacancies?
- (d) Who?
- (e) By whom?

- (f) And when?

To which the President replied –

I am advised that this question is out of order under business rule 6.3(3) since it is not connected with any business before the Synod and is not connected with any committee, board or commission of the Synod.

Nevertheless, it can be said that the trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore at the time of the Synod meeting in 2000 were Archbishop Goodhew, Bishop Paul Barnett and Mr Roderick West. Currently, the trustees are Messrs Roderick West and Peter Kell, the Rev Dr Roger Chilton and me.

11. Moore College and the trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore

The Rev Alan Hamilton asked -

In the advertisement for the Moore College Principal there is reference to "Trustees":

- (a) Who are the Trustees?
- (b) What role do the Trustees have in the appointment of a Principal for Moore College?
- (c) Does the Synod have any say in the appointment of the Trustees and if not, who appoints them?
- (d) Are there any specific Christian qualities required in the office of Trustee?
- (e) At the time of the retirement of Archbishop Goodhew, who were the Trustees?
- (f) If there have been changes to the membership of the Trustees since the retirement of Archbishop Goodhew, on what date did each change take place, who retired or resigned and who appointed the replacement Trustee or Trustees?

To which the President replied –

I am advised that the answers are as follows.

- (a) The "trustees" referred to in the advertisement are the trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore. Currently the trustees are Messrs Roderick West and Peter Kell, the Rev Dr Roger Chilton and me.
- (b) Under clause 16(1) of the Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 the trustees appoint the person who is to be the principal of Moore College. However, any appointment is to be made in consultation with the other members of the Moore College Council, and needs the concurrence of a majority of those other members.
- (c) No, the Synod does not have any role in the appointment of a trustee. The appointment of a new trustee is made by the other trustees under the Trustee Act 1925.
- (d) to (f) These questions are out of order under business rule 6.3(3) since they are not connected with any business before the Synod and are not connected with any committee, board or commission of the Synod.

12. Afghan Refugees

The Rev Greg Burke asked –

Can the Archbishop please advise –

- (a) What steps has the Diocese, through its agencies, taken to provide material aid to refugees and potential refugees from the current conflict in Afghanistan?
- (b) What places are being considered to provide such aid in the future?
- (c) Should Australia have the opportunity to shelter large numbers of temporary Afghani refugees - what possibilities exist for the Diocese to use its facilities to offer shelter?

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- (d) What representations has the Diocese made to the Federal Government to increase its relief aid to support Afghani refugees?
- (e) What representations has the Diocese made to the Federal Government to increase its Overseas Aid budget toward the UN recommendation of 0.7% of GDP?

To which the President replied –

I am informed that the answers are as follows –

- (a) The Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund (ORAF) has e-mailed parishes for help in promoting an appeal for the needs of Afghan refugees. Anglican Media has also assisted in promoting the appeal. To date ORAF has received \$3,600 in donations. Assistance will probably be channelled through refugee camps in Pakistan.

Anglicare has been actively involved in responding to the needs of refugees in recent times, particularly those from Kosovo and East Timor. This involvement has arisen from the Federal Government's use of the National Emergency Management Arrangements to see that people in desperate circumstances had their needs met. Anglicare has an active role in the NSW Disaster Welfare Plan, which is the formal machinery used to manage matters of this kind in recent years.

People escaping from the present conflict in Afghanistan are required by the Australian Government to satisfy the existing UNHCR criteria for formal recognition as "refugees".

Anglicare maintains close liaison with the Department of Community Services, the lead welfare agency in this field in NSW. High level discussions have emphasised our readiness to respond in appropriate ways when the need arises.

Anglicare is also involved in the provision of support services to those who enter Australia on humanitarian grounds. The Humanitarian Settlement Program is funded by the Commonwealth and reaches both families and individuals in special circumstances. The program provides settlement orientation, information and case management services to around 1,000 approved entrants annually. During the last 3 months, 39 Iraqi, 7 Afghani and 7 Iranian families have been assisted.

- (b) No approach has yet been made for the provision of direct material aid and/or accommodation services by Anglicare or any other diocesan organisation. The Federal Government has, according to the media, made arrangements with some Pacific island nations for the initial processing of people in this situation though it is by no means clear whether the "boat people" reaching Australian waters are from Afghanistan.

The situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan may develop into something like that faced by the Kosovars and East Timorese. Anglicare is keeping a close watch on developments.

- (c) If such an approach is made, our response will be influenced by the legal status of those who are brought into Australia and the role which we are asked to undertake. It is unlikely that Diocesan residential facilities are appropriate for "secure" accommodation, if that is the requirement at the time.
- (d) ORAF is a member of the Australian Council for Overseas Aid (ACFOA) and is listed on their web-site as one of the member agencies receiving donations for the Afghan refugees. ORAF shared in the ACFOA's media release of 25 October welcoming the Australian Government's contribution of \$23.3 million for humanitarian assistance to displaced and refugee populations in and around Afghanistan.

No direct representations have been made to the Federal Government to increase its relief aid.

- (e) No direct representations from the Diocese have been made to the Federal Government about this matter. However, ORAF was a signatory to a comprehensive federal budget submission made by the Australian Council for Overseas Aid which called for an increase in Australia's aid budget to 0.28% of GNP (from the present 0.25%). ACFOA also produced

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a lobby kit and a postcard campaign addressed to the Prime Minister, and organised meetings with over 30 parliamentarians, including government ministers, to promote a greater commitment to aid.