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Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney



# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

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*See Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures. For the purposes of considering a proposed policy of the Synod, the ordinance procedures under Part 5 (from rule 5.5 but excluding rules 5.7(3)(b), 5.9 and 5.10) apply as if the proposed policy were a proposed ordinance.*

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### **1. Bible study is led by the Rev Gary Koo.**

### **2. Minutes of 11 October 2016.**

### **3. Answer to questions from Monday 10 October**

#### 3.1 The Rev Jason Ramsay asked the following question –

With reference to the table on page 63 of the Synod book which outlines the funding of the major church building projects since 2008, what was the capacity increase (defined as the seating capacity of the main auditorium as in paragraph (b) on page 60) of each project listed?

### **4. Answers to questions from Tuesday 11 October**

#### 4.1 Mr Peter M G Young asked the following question –

What progress has been and is being made in connection with Synod’s Resolution 34/09 concerning people affected by disability (including their families and carers) since the issue of the Social Issues Executive’s Report to Standing Committee dated 16 September 2010?

#### 4.2 Mrs Jennifer Pelster asked the following question –

Who oversees the Chair of the School Council and the Head of the School if they are a ‘Boys Club’ to the detriment of the staff and students?

#### 4.3 Mrs Anne Price asked the following question –

- (a) Why did Standing Committee remove the borrowing limit which previously applied to Moore Theological College (see paragraph 3.4 of the 2016 Standing Committee Report book)?
- (b) Is it the case that staff of Moore College have been advised that the College is facing a large deficit situation and, if so –
  - (i) Why has Synod not been provided with a special report on this matter?
  - (ii) What is the cause of this deficit and when was it first identified as an issue?
  - (iii) Please provide financial information sufficient to help all Synod members understand the current and projected financial situation of the College, and
  - (iv) What strategies does the College have in place to deal with this situation?
- (c) How many staff have been, or are in the process of being made redundant at Moore College recently and currently, and are these redundancies related to financial problems at the College?

- (d) How many of the redundancies were voluntary, and how many were involuntary?
- (e) What specific steps have been taken to assist affected staff to find new jobs?
- (f) What is the impact of these redundancies on College programs, and services for students?  
Are any services or programs being closed down?

4.4 The Rev Peter Tong asked the following question –

What are the total numbers of growth or decline for those attending Anglican churches in our Diocese for the years –2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015?

4.5 The Rev Simon Flinders asked the following question –

Could the Archbishop please inform the House what he most commonly give thanks for in the life of the Diocese and what concerns of his heart he most commonly prays for the Diocese?

4.6 The Rev Craig Schafer asked the following question –

In reference to paragraph 49 of the Safe Ministry Board report –

- (a) What is the comprehensive online safe ministry training package being considered for utilisation and when is it planned that those considerations will be finalised?
- (b) What factors unique to the Anglican Diocese of Sydney might render online Safe Ministry training infeasible, even if it was being successfully employed by other churches in other places?

4.7 Miss Jenny Flower asked the following question –

Assuming that the Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) in New South Wales increase by 3% per annum for the next 35 years, and assuming superannuation continues to be calculated at the same percentage of stipend as currently applies, and assuming the Diocesan Superannuation Fund achieves an historic long-term average return of 6% per annum over those 35 years, what has been the projected impact on a recently ordained minister's superannuation balance over a 35 year working life, following the Standing Committee's decision to base stipends on 75% of AWE rather than 80% of AWE?

4.8 Mrs Pamela Shaw asked the following question –

In 2014 I moved the following motion –

“That Standing Committee establish a committee of lay and clergy representatives to bring recommendations to 2015 Synod on ways of providing pastoral care to people attracted to others of the same sex.”

That was passed at the Synod in 2014. Last year it was said that there was a problem so it would be 2016. Now it is going to be 2017.

The motion is not to do with the present marriage equality issue, but because of that the need for guidance on pastoral care is even greater.

Why is this taking three years?

4.9 The Rev Dr Roger Chilton asked the following question –

- (a) Is there a job description for Mission Area Leaders?
- (b) Are Mission Area Leaders appointed for a set period of time? If so, for how long, and what is the provision for re-appointment?
- (c) Is there any provision financially to parishes for the time given by Mission Area Leaders away from their parish work?
- (d) What is the relationship between Regional Bishops and Mission Area Leaders? Do they have any official role in deputising for the Bishop in matters relating to their mission area?
- (e) Is there any reporting process by Mission Area Leaders to you as Archbishop, the Standing Committee and/or the Regional Bishops?

4.10 The Rev Bruce Stanley asked the following question –

Are there currently any strategic plans for the next few years to reduce the workload of Regional Bishops, or the Archbishop, in regard to their time spent on parish or diocesan building matters, or will this work continue to be a part of a Bishop's responsibilities?

4.11 The Rev Jason Ramsay asked the following question –

This question refers to the decision of the Anglican Schools Corporation Board in early 2016 to absorb Loquat Valley Anglican School into St Luke's Grammar –

- (a) What consultation did the Board undertake with the Council, staff, Principal and parents of both schools?
- (b) What consultation was undertaken with the local parishes of those schools?
- (c) What was the rationale for the level of consultation reported in (a) and (b)?

## 5. Questions

## 6. Procedural motions from members

### 6.1 Arrangements to consider the motion concerning same-sex marriage

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion on today's business paper at item 9.6 concerning the proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage –

- (a) the following revised form of the motion (marked to show further changes made by the mover) be substituted for the existing form –

#### "9.6 Debate concerning same-sex marriage

Synod, in light of the on-going debate as to whether the legal definition of marriage should be changed to include same-sex relationships, and consistent with its long-standing and previously expressed position in relation to marriage and human sexuality –

- (a) continues to affirm that marriage, as a gift from God who made us male and female, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life,
- (b) notes that the inclusion of same-sex relationships within the legal definition of marriage would lead to a deeply regrettable divergence between the inherent meaning of marriage and its legal definition,
- (c) expresses deep concern, based on experience both overseas and more recently in Australia, about the impact that a change in the legal definition of marriage would have on the freedom of individuals and organisations to uphold the view that marriage is inherently a union between a man and a woman,
- (d) commends for consideration the booklet prepared by the Archbishop's Plebiscite Task Force ~~*What God Has Joined Together*~~ *What Has God Joined Together?* as a resource to assist Sydney Anglicans and others prepare for and engage in public debate on this issue,
- (e) calls on Rectors in the Diocese to incorporate teaching on marriage, human sexuality and religious freedom in the teaching program of their parish,
- (f) encourages all Christians to participate fully in the democratic processes open to us in this country to seek to persuade our nation of the goodness and wisdom of ensuring the legal definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 remains aligned with its inherent meaning, and

- (g) urges all Christians to engage lovingly and respectfully in the debate about marriage, and condemns any vilification, bigotry or other expressions of hatred or fear directed against our neighbours who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex (LGBTI),
  - (h) ~~believes it is irresponsible and fundamentally inconsistent with the right of free speech we all enjoy to suggest that respectful advocacy for the legal definition of marriage to remain unchanged amounts to~~ does not constitute hate speech or bigotry,
  - (i) calls on our political leaders to model respectful debate which is courteous and persuasive and does not assume a lack of goodwill from those with whom they disagree, and
  - (j) recognises marriage as a bedrock institution of society and therefore considers that, despite its cost, a plebiscite is both a justifiable and the preferred means of establishing whether a majority of the Australian community genuinely wish to change the legal definition of such an institution.”, and
- ~~(b) consideration of the revised form of motion be rescheduled to commence at 8.00 pm Monday 17 October 2016 (immediately following the Missionary Hour), and~~
- ~~(e)(b)~~ the mover and seconder of the revised form of the motion be permitted to combine in a presentation for up to 20 minutes (including overheads) instead of separate speeches introducing the motion and that the presentation be followed by a time for questions, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Bishop Michael Stead/Dean Kanishka Raffel)

## 6.2 Arrangements for consideration of a motion concerning membership structure of Mission Property Committee

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion on today's business paper at item 9.17 concerning membership structure of Mission Property Committee –

- (a) the following revised form of the motion be substituted for the existing form –

“Synod records its appreciation and thanks to God for the good work of all members of the Mission Property Committee in securing sites and buildings for new churches in greenfield areas, and for its advice and support of parishes in brownfield areas; and requests Standing Committee to review the membership structure of the Mission Property Committee in consultation with its chairman and deputy chairman.”, and

- (b) the motion be moved by Bishop Ivan Lee and seconded by the Rev Joseph Wiltshire.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev Joseph Wiltshire)

## 7. The President invites members to give notice of other motions

## 8. Calling of motions on the business paper

## 9. Motions

### *To be taken today after the Formal Matters*

#### 9.1 Retirement of Paul Willis

Synod thanks God for the service of Paul Willis as Fund Secretary of Anglican National Super for 14 years and wishes him well in his retirement.

(Mr James Flavin/The Rev David Ould)

**9.2 Westmead: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Westmead as a parish with effect from 1 January 2017.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev George Kazogolo)

***To be taken today from 4.30 pm***

**9.3 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parental Leave Ordinance 2016.

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(Archdeacon Kara Hartley/Bishop Chris Edwards)

**9.4 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016.

*(Pages 164, 204, 216)*

(Dr Robert Tong AM/Dr Laurie Scandrett)

**9.5 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016**

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016.

*(Pages 118, 173)*

(Dr Karin Sowada/Mr Michael Meek SC)

***To be taken today from 7.00 pm***

**9.6 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage**

Synod, in light of a proposed national plebiscite to determine whether the legal definition of marriage should be changed to include same-sex relationships and consistent with its long-standing and previously expressed position in relation to marriage and human sexuality –

- (a) continues to affirm that marriage, as a gift from God who made us male and female, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life,
- (b) notes that the inclusion of same-sex relationships within the legal definition of marriage would lead to a deeply regrettable divergence between the inherent meaning of marriage and its legal definition,
- (c) asks the Archbishop's Plebiscite Task Force to continue to help Sydney Anglicans to prepare for and engage in public debate on this issue,
- (d) calls on Senior Ministers in the Diocese to incorporate teaching on marriage, human sexuality and religious freedom in the teaching programme of their parish prior to the plebiscite,
- (e) encourages all Christians to participate fully in the democratic processes open to us in this country to seek to persuade our nation of the goodness and wisdom of ensuring the legal definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 remains aligned with its inherent meaning, and
- (f) urges all Christians to engage lovingly and respectfully in the debate about marriage, and condemns any vilification, bigotry or other expressions of hate or fear directed against our neighbours who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans or intersex (LGBTI).

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(Bishop Michael Stead/Dean Kanishka Raffel)

**To be taken on Monday 17 October 2016 after the Formal Matters**

**9.7 Glenhaven: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Glenhaven as a parish with effect from 1 January 2017.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev John Hooton)

**To be taken on Monday 17 October 2016 from 8.00 pm**

**9.8 Soul Revival Church**

Synod notes that the Soul Revival Church, Sutherland Shire, has been declared to be a recognised church by the Wollongong Regional Council from 1 June 2016 under clause 8 of the *Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000*. Soul Revival began as an initiative of Evangelism and New Churches by members of St Pauls and St Barnabas Anglican Church Gynea in February 2012. Synod thanks God that from small beginnings it has grown vigorously and joins in praising God as it celebrates its fifth year of ministry.

(Dr Alan Watson/Bishop Peter Hayward)

**Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration**

**9.9 Domestic Violence**

Synod –

- (a) acknowledges that domestic abuse continues to be a significant social problem both inside and outside the church;
- (b) gives thanks for the work of the Domestic Violence Response Task Force and calls on them to continue their work - in particular that of developing policy and pastoral guidelines to recommend to Standing Committee and make recommendations about education - as expeditiously as possible;
- (c) calls on Standing Committee to consider providing funding for the Task Force sufficient to expedite its work and particularly the work of interviewing and caring for victims;
- (d) calls upon all clergy, church workers and parish councils to read the Task Force's 2016 progress report to Synod and to familiarise themselves with the headline definition and expansive description of domestic violence adopted by the Task Force;
- (e) notes that clergy and church workers who are domestic abusers are in breach of standards expressed in *Faithfulness in Service*;
- (f) encourages victims of domestic abuse by clergy or church workers to speak to the Professional Standards Unit;
- (g) looks forward to the inclusion of education in the area of domestic violence in 2017 via the PSU's compulsory *Faithfulness in Service* training sessions for clergy and paid church workers;
- (h) encourages clergy and church workers to preach and speak against domestic violence, again rejecting the twisting of Scripture to justify abuse of any kind, and to make pastoral enquiries when meeting with married people;
- (i) requests the Task Force to report again, no later than next Synod; and
- (j) expects that the diocesan response to domestic violence will go beyond the ambit and life of the Task Force,

and prays for the protection, healing and support of victims and survivors of domestic violence within our churches; for wisdom and insight, courage and compassion for clergy and church workers in providing pastoral responses to people in such situations; and for the continued work of the Task Force.

(Canon Sandy Grant/Archdeacon Kara Hartley)

#### 9.10 Diversity and Inclusion Policies

Synod notes –

- (a) that many organisations, both secular and Christian, have “Diversity and Inclusion” policies,
- (b) that a number of our diocesan organisations, such as schools, nursing homes, and retirement villages, have, or will be developing such policies,
- (c) the potential for such policies to adversely affect the gospel influence of our organisations, and therefore requests the Diocesan Doctrine Commission or the Social Issues Committee to provide a report on the biblical understanding of “diversity and inclusion” so as to assist our organisations in the formulation of such policies, and to report back to the next session of Synod.

(The Rev Brian Heath)

#### 9.11 Reconsideration of Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016

Synod requests the Standing Committee to reconsider the *Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016* to reflect the view that in all normal circumstances the Senior Chaplain of a school should be ordained, while leaving open a mechanism whereby exceptions might be made where this is not practicable, and to bring an appropriate amending ordinance to the 2017 Synod.

(The Rev Craig Roberts)

#### 9.12 South Australian Voluntary Euthanasia Bill

Recognising that all life is precious in God’s sight and that deliberately ending a human life is wrong, Synod views with deep concern the possibility that the Voluntary Euthanasia Bill 2016 may pass the South Australian Parliament shortly.

Further Synod –

- (a) rejects the false notion that euthanasia represents dying with dignity;
- (b) recognises that euthanasia represents a deep and fundamental change to society’s commitment to caring for people at their most vulnerable, and that the elderly in particular will be exposed to possible medical error and abuse;
- (c) believes that euthanasia will fundamentally change the doctor-patient relationship by undermining the trust inherent in that bond and the “do no harm” purpose of medical care;
- (d) support the maintenance and if possible extension of funding available to palliative care units of South Australian hospitals;

and respectfully urges Members of the South Australian Parliament to oppose the Bill.

(Dr Karin Sowada)

#### 9.13 Muslim neighbours

While acknowledging that there are real and significant differences between the Islamic and Christian faiths, this Synod –

- (a) extends a peaceful welcome to Australian Muslims as our fellow citizens,
- (b) welcomes opportunities for standing alongside Australians of Islamic faith, where we agree, in matters of justice and social order, and in repudiating acts of terror, and
- (c) invites genuine, respectful and honest conversation with our Muslim neighbours on matters of ultimate significance.

(The Rev Dr Michael Jensen/The Rev David Ould)

#### 9.14 Safe Ministry and Licensing

Recognising the Archbishop’s concern for proper licensing of ordained and lay leadership in our parishes as expressed in his Presidential Address and as required by ordinance, and noting –

- (a) the requirement that those licensed or authorised for ministry in the Diocese of Sydney whether paid or unpaid, must have completed the confidential lifestyle questionnaire and be interviewed as part of that process before receiving a licence or authority, and
- (b) that the confidential questionnaire and interview can highlight areas of moral vulnerability relevant to the conduct of safe ministry and be helpful for the pastoral care of the applicant, and
- (c) the view of the Safe Ministry Board that such scrutiny for church leadership is critically important for helping ensure safe ministry in our churches, and
- (d) That many ministering in our churches who should be licensed, currently have not yet applied for such licensing,

Synod urges all rectors to make sure that all those serving in their parishes who are required to be licensed by the Archbishop are so licensed.

(The Rev David Mears/The Rev Gary O'Brien)

#### 9.15 Syrian Iraqi Refugee Response

Synod notes the report from Anglicare on the Syrian Iraqi Refugee Response (Supplementary Report Standing Committee P158-161) and gives thanks to God for the work of Anglicare and other agencies in developing training and resources and for the generous financial response from across the Diocese to assist in this work.

Synod asks –

- (a) in the light of the discovery noted in the report (under heading Refugee Intake Update), Anglican churches to consider sponsoring a refugee family caught up in the conflict to be granted a visa sub-class 202 (global special Humanitarian Visa),
- (b) Anglicare to continue to facilitate this sponsorship process by consultation with key stakeholders and development of documentation setting out clearly how the sub-class 202 visa sponsorship operates and the responsibilities and expectations of a sponsoring organisation including the financial obligation involved, and to make this document available to Anglican churches as soon as possible,
- (c) the governance group that oversees the appeal funds collected to date to consider allocating some of those funds to any Anglican church or organisation that succeeds in sponsoring a refugee family under a 202 Humanitarian Visa in order to offset the local costs involved in such a sponsorship.

Synod further calls upon all Christian people to continue to pray for a prompt and peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis and encourages all to be generous in responding financially especially to the needs of our Christian brothers and sisters caught up in the crisis.

(The Rev Philip Wheeler/Mrs Margaret Rumbold)

#### 9.16 Partnering with Anglican Aid

This Synod gives thanks for the ongoing work of Anglican Aid in alleviating poverty in the developing world and in providing charitable support to churches meeting human need in our Diocese.

We encourage Anglican Aid to continue –

- (a) Seeking out like minded Christian partners to work with through the Overseas Ministry Fund and the Overseas Relief and Aid Fund;
- (b) Delivering Community Care Programs in partnership with Sydney Anglican Parishes;
- (c) Informing parishes of their work and giving them the opportunity to partner with Anglican Aid financially and prayerfully.

(The Rev Stephen Semenchuk/The Rev Nigel Fortescue)

**9.17 Membership structure of Mission Property Committee**

Synod requests the Standing Committee to review the membership structure of the Mission Property Committee.

(The Rev Joseph Wiltshire)



# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 12 October 2016.

<b>Wednesday 12 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters 9.1 Retirement of Paul Willis 9.2 Westmead: Reclassification as a Parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.35 pm	9.3 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016 9.4 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016 9.5 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016
5.35 – 5.45 pm	Connecting with our Muslim neighbours presentation
7.00 pm +	9.6 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Monday 17 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters 9.7 Glenhaven: Reclassification as a Parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Business as per the business paper
5.30 – 5.45 pm	Progress in the merger of Anglicare and ARV presentation
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	9.8 Soul Revival Church Thereafter, other business as per business paper

<b>Tuesday 18 October 2016</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	Business as per the business paper

## Proposed Amendments: 12 October 2016

(Listed in the order of the business paper for 12 October 2016. Page references are to the sequential pages in Synod Books 1, 2 and 3.)

<b>9.3 Parental Leave Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage</b>		
1.	Book 1 <b>Page 123</b> Line 31	In clause 5(2) delete the matter “General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010” and insert instead the matter “Long Service Leave Ordinance 1973”.  <b>[Accepted by the mover]</b> (Mr Robert Wicks)
2.	Book 1 <b>Page 123</b> Line 33	Insert the following immediately after clause 5 –  <i>“Note: A member of clergy must be in receipt of an ordinary stipend to render qualifying service for the purposes of the General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010.”</i>  <b>[Accepted by the mover]</b> (Mr Robert Wicks)
3.	Book 1 <b>Page 126</b> Clause 15	After clause 15(1), insert as a new 15(2) (with consequential renumbering) –  “(2) A minister who is properly terminated under the Assistant Minister’s Ordinance 1990 while on parental leave is entitled to payment equal to any stipend, perquisite or other emolument they would have been entitled to or paid during the notice period had the notice been given while not on parental leave.”  (The Rev Andrew Judd)

<b>9.5 Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016: Committee Stage</b>		
1.	Book 1 <b>Page 119</b> Line 4	In clause 2 insert the following after “is amended by” -  (a) inserting the following new paragraphs (d) and (e) in rule 4.1 of the schedule to the Ordinance (with re-lettering of the existing paragraphs) –  “(d) Instead of making separate speeches in support of the principal motion, the mover and seconder may, by notice to the Synod, elect to make a joint presentation in support of the principal motion for up to the combined length of time the mover and seconder would otherwise be permitted to speak.  (e) A speech or presentation referred to in paragraph (c) or (d) may, by arrangement with the Secretary of the Synod, be accompanied by overhead visual material”, and  (b)  <b>[Accepted by the mover]</b> (Mr Robert Wicks)

2.	Book 1 <b>Page 119</b> Line 4	<p>In clause 2 insert the following after “is amended by” –</p> <p>‘-</p> <p>(a) deleting the matter “on a specified future day/on a specified future day and at a specified time” in the form of the motion in rule 5.4(9) of the Schedule to the Ordinance and inserting instead “forthwith or at a specified time”, and</p> <p>(b)’</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Archbishop Glenn Davies)</p>
3.	Book 1 <b>Page 119</b> Line 4	<p>In clause 2 insert the following after “is amended by” -</p> <p>‘-</p> <p>(a) adding the following to the end of rule 5.5(4) of the Schedule to the Ordinance –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“If, during the time for questions, no further member indicates that he or she has a question, the President may declare that the time for questions has ended.”, and</p> <p>(b) deleting rule 5.5(5) and inserting instead –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(5) If the President thinks that sufficient time has been allowed for questions but there remains one or more members indicating a wish to ask a question, the President is to ask the Synod a question to the effect</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">‘Does the Synod consider that sufficient time has been allowed for questions?’”</p> <p>(c) ’</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Archbishop Glenn Davies)</p>

## 9.6 Proposed plebiscite on same-sex marriage

1.	Business Paper	<p><i>This amendment will be moved if the motion at item 9.6 is moved in its original form.</i></p> <p>Amend paragraph (d) as follows –</p> <p>(a) insert the words “continue to” prior to the word “incorporate”, and</p> <p>(b) omit the matter “prior to the plebiscite”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(The Rev Simon Flinders)</p>
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## 9.9 Domestic Violence

1.	Business Paper	<p>After paragraph (f), insert as a new (g) –</p> <p>(g) encourages victims of domestic abuse who have brought the abuse to the attention of church-workers in pastoral oversight over them and who feel that they have received negligent, callous or otherwise improper advice or treatment by those in pastoral positions, to contact the Professional Standards Unit.</p> <p>(Mr Malcolm Purvis)</p>
2.	Business Paper	<p>At the end of the original point (g) –</p> <p>“and encourages ministers to contact the PSU (as soon as practicably possible) for advice on best practice pastoral care whenever they receive an allegation of domestic abuse.”</p> <p>(Mr Malcolm Purvis)</p>
3.	Business Paper	<p>Amend proposed amendment 1 by inserting immediately following “Professional Standards Unit” –</p> <p>“, and asks Standing Committee to change as necessary the terms of reference of the PSU to enable it to undertake this additional responsibility and to provide the necessary funding”.</p> <p>(Mr Lachlan Bryant)</p>