



House of Commons Commission Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 24

1 Members of the Commission etc.

(1) Section 1 of the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978 (the House of Commons Commission) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) The Commission is to consist of seven parliamentary members, two external members and two official members.”

(3) In subsection (2) (members of the Commission)—

- (a) for “Commission shall consist of” substitute “parliamentary members are to be”, and
- (b) in paragraph (d) (members appointed by the House of Commons) for “three” substitute “four”.

(4) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) An external member may not be—

- (a) a member of the House of Commons,
- (b) a member of the House of Lords,
- (c) a member of staff in the House Departments, or
- (d) a member of staff of the House of Lords.

(2B) An external member is to be appointed by resolution of the House of Commons.

(2C) The official members are—

- (a) the Clerk of the House of Commons or, if that office is vacant, a member of staff in the House Departments who is appointed as an official member by the Commission, and
- (b) the Director General of the House of Commons or, if that office is vacant or no longer exists, a member of staff in the House Departments who is appointed as an official member by the Commission.”

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) In subsection (4) after the definition of “Leader of the Opposition” insert—
- ““member of staff of the House of Lords” means a person who is employed under a contract of employment with the Corporate Officer of the House of Lords.”
- (6) The Schedule (further provision about members and procedure of the Commission) has effect.