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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

Section 2.

THE SPEAKER’S COMMITTEE

Reports

- 1 (1) The Speaker’s Committee shall, at least once in each year, make to the House of Commons a report on the exercise by the Committee of their functions.
- (2) For the purposes of the law of defamation the publication of any matter by the Speaker’s Committee in making such a report shall be absolutely privileged.

Term of office of Committee members

- 2 (1) In this paragraph “appointed member” means a member of the Speaker’s Committee other than—
 - (a) the Speaker of the House of Commons;
 - (b) the member who is the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee of the House of Commons; or
 - (c) the member who is the [^{F1}Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities].
- (2) An appointed member shall cease to be a member of the Speaker’s Committee if—
 - (a) he ceases to be a Member of the House of Commons; or
 - (b) another person is appointed to be a member of the Committee in his place.
- (3) An appointed member may resign from the Committee at any time by giving notice to the Speaker.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), an appointed member shall be a member of the Committee for the duration of the Parliament in which he is appointed.
- (5) An appointed member may be re-appointed (or further re-appointed) to membership of the Committee.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(c) substituted (8.12.2021) by [The Transfer of Functions \(Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/1265\)](#), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 15\(4\)](#) (with art. 12)

Committee proceedings

- 3 (1) The Speaker’s Committee may determine their own procedure.
- (2) The validity of any proceedings of the Committee shall not be affected by—

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- (a) any vacancy among, or
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of any of,
the members of the Committee.
- (3) The Committee may appoint a member of the Committee to act as chairman at any meeting of the Committee in the absence of the Speaker.

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