

BASIC INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS

NAME OF COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE:

Ministries Appeal Panel

BRIEF SUMMARY OF AREA OF WORK:

The Ministries Appeal Panel has delegated powers from the General Assembly to hear appeals by individuals against decisions of the Ministries Council or any of its committees, relating to questions of recruitment, selection, education and training for the full-time Ministry of Word and Sacrament, the Auxiliary Ministry, the Ordained Local Ministry, the Diaconate and the Readership. The Ministries Appeal Panel also hears (i) appeals by ministers in respect of recommendations made by the Ministries Council in connection with Qualified Practising Certificates (Demission with Legally Binding Agreement) and (ii) appeals arising under the Admission and Readmission of Ministers Act (Act IX 2002). In the future the Panel will hear appeals arising under the Registration of Ministries Act.

CONVENER, VICECONVENER AND SECRETARY:

Convener: Very Rev David Arnott

Vice-Convener: Mr Robin Stimpson

Secretary: The Principal Clerk

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Five, consisting of a Convener, Vice-Convener and three members all appointed by the General Assembly on the nomination of the Nomination Committee. At least one member must be legally qualified, at least one must be a minister and at least one must be an elder.

FREQUENCY, TIMING AND VENUE OF MEETINGS:

Sittings are held as required to hear appeals, normally at 121 George Street, Edinburgh.

DETAILS OF SUB-COMMITTEES, TASK GROUPS ETC:

None

EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS:

Willingness to read papers and listen to arguments; a capacity for weighing issues and making judgements.

GENERAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE SOUGHT:

An understanding of the concept of natural justice together with a willingness to become acquainted with the detail of Act X 2004 (Selection and Training for Full-Time Ministry), Act XIII 2003 (Auxiliary Ministry Act), Act IX 2011 (Ordained Local Ministry Act), Act VIII 2010 (Deacons Act) and Act XVII 1992 (Readership Act) is essential. Members will also need to be familiar with the detail of Act IX 2002 (Admission and Readmission of Ministers) and Act II 2017 (Registration of Ministries Act). In addition, there is a need for people to have a wide understanding of the Church and its ministry and familiarity with the practice and procedure of the Church.