

MINUTES OF MINISTRIES APPEAL PANEL

December 2016

At Edinburgh, and within the Church Offices, 121 George Street, the sixth day of December 2016 the Ministries Appeal Panel met and was duly constituted with prayer.

Sederunt: Very Rev David Arnott (Convener), Mrs Carole Hope (Vice-Convener), Rev Robert Allan and Mr Robin Stimpson.

Apology: Rev Sheila Kirk

In attendance: Christine Paterson and the Principal Clerk.

The Ministries Appeal Panel took up consideration of the Appeal of Ms Morag Wilkinson in terms of Act X, 2004 section 6(6) against the decision of the National Assessment Conference and the Assessment Task Group of the Ministries Council not to accept her as a Candidate in Training for the Full-Time Ministry of the Church of Scotland.

Ms Wilkinson appeared for herself and she was accompanied by the Rev Iain Greenshields.

There appeared for the Ministries Council the Rev Alastair Duncan, the Rev Dr Marjory MacLean and the Rev Marjory McPherson.

Parties were heard.

Questions were asked.

Parties were removed.

Following deliberation the Ministries Appeal Panel resolved unanimously to dismiss the Appeal and uphold the decision of the National Assessment Conference and the Assessment Task Group of the Ministries Council not to accept Ms Wilkinson as a Candidate in Training for the

Full-Time Ministry of Word and Sacrament of the Church of Scotland.

Parties were recalled and judgement intimated.

The Ministries Appeal Panel took up consideration of the Appeal of Mr Caesar David in terms of Act IX, 2002 section 12 against the decision of the Assessment Task Group of the Ministries Council not to grant a Certificate of Eligibility.

Mr David's Appeal was in the hands of the Panel in writing.

There appeared for the Ministries Council the Rev David Black, the Rev Dr Marjory MacLean and the Rev Marjory McPherson.

Parties were heard.

Questions were asked.

Parties were removed.

Following deliberation the Ministries Appeal Panel resolved unanimously to dismiss the Appeal and uphold the decision of the Assessment Task Group of the Ministries Council not to grant Mr David a Certificate of Eligibility.

Parties were recalled and judgement intimated.

The Ministries Appeal Panel took up consideration of the Appeal of Mr Daniel Butt in terms of Act IX, 2002 section 12 against the decision of the Assessment Task Group of the Ministries Council not to grant a Certificate of Eligibility.

Mr Butt appeared, via web link, for himself.

There appeared for the Ministries Council the Rev David Black, the Rev Dr Marjory MacLean and the Rev Marjory McPherson.

Parties were heard.

Questions were asked.

Parties were removed.

Following deliberation the Ministries Appeal Panel resolved unanimously to dismiss the Appeal and uphold the decision of the Assessment Task Group of the

Ministries Council not to grant Mr Butt a Certificate of Eligibility.

Parties were recalled and judgement intimated.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

A DAVID K ARNOTT, *Convener*
JOHN P CHALMERS, *Secretary*