V. PRESBYTERY ASSESSORS ACT (ACT V 2001)

Edinburgh, 21 May 2001, Sess.4

The General Assembly enact and ordain:

1. A Presbytery, finding that the number of its ministers who are available to fulfil the functions of the Presbytery is insufficient by reason of vacancies or illness or other like temporary cause, may apply to the Legal Questions Committee and request that it nominate one or more assessor ministers as provided for in Section 2.

2. The Legal Questions Committee is authorised, after consultation with the Ministries Council, to nominate assessor ministers to any Presbytery which makes application in terms of this Act and shows sufficient cause to the Committee for such nomination to be made.

3. A minister appointed as an assessor in terms of this Act shall be a member of another Presbytery, and shall retain such membership for the duration of his or her appointment.

4. The task and function of a minister appointed as assessor to another Presbytery, and his or her responsibilities and the privileges of membership of Presbytery shall normally extend only to those necessary to fulfil the allocated task.