

GENERAL SYNOD 2017

Motion No.2: Standing Orders

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It seems that Standing Orders have not been amended for some 17 years so it's probably about time we did look at them.

Standing Order 56 is about allocating time at General Synod. In summary it says there has to be not less than two hours allocated for the Standing Committee Report and two hours for the Representative Body. It goes on to say there should be not less than one hour for consideration of the report of the Role of the Church Committee.

You will see from your timetable that no time has been allocated to the Role of the Church Committee and you will also see that there is no such report in the Book of Reports. That is because the Role of the Church Committee ceased to exist some years ago – around 2010. So we cannot consider the work of the committee that does not exist.

This motion is therefore to delete the words “and not less than one hour for the consideration of the report of the Role of the Church Committee.”