

Questions asked during the Session of the Synod

1. Mr Leslie Jillett asked -

"(a) What is the stipend and other emoluments pertaining to the office of Archbishop of the See of Sydney?"

(b) In particular, what are the financial arrangements for the maintenance and staffing of Bishopscourt, for hospitality and for the provision and maintenance of motor cars?

(c) What retiring allowance provision has been, or is being, made for the former Archbishop?"

To which the President replied -

"(a) and (b) The Standing Committee will offer to the new Archbishop a stipend of \$13,500 per annum, together with the use of Bishopscourt and reasonable expenses, all of which will be the subject of discussion between the Standing Committee and the Archbishop.

(c) It should be noted that the former Archbishop did not retire but submitted his resignation from the See. A resignation benefit has been paid as a lump sum of \$15,000 including the amount held to his credit in the Diocesan Superannuation Fund, three months additional stipend, and travelling expenses for himself and Mrs. Gough to England. Other than the Superannuation Fund amount abovementioned paid to the former Archbishop, all- amounts under (a), (b) and (c) are payable from the Endowment of the See."

2. Rev W. A. Watts asked -

"Will the Right Rev the Administrator kindly inform the House if or when a plan is envisaged to extend a fitting farewell to our former Archbishop, Dr. Hugh R. Gough?"

To which the President replied -

"In view of the illness and departure of the former Archbishop, it is entirely impracticable to plan such a farewell and the Standing Committee took this into account in the financial arrangements made for him upon his resignation."

3. Rev S. A. Horton asked -

"In view of the article by the Diocesan Secretary in Southern Cross and the explanation of procedure sent by him to each Synodsmen, would the Right Rev the President confirm that the Archbishop's Election Ordinance envisages the possibility of only one name being placed on the Select List and provides a special and direct method of electing an Archbishop in such circumstances?"

To which the President replied -

"Yes, such possibility is provided for in the Ordinance."

4. Mr J. H. Wilkinson asked -

"Under what conditions and for what type of communications are the names and addresses of members of Synod released on request?"

To which the President replied -

"Sets of envelopes with the names and addresses of members of Synod stencilled upon them are printed and issued by the Information and Public Relations Office as follows -

(a) to members of Synod upon request;

(b) to organisations of the Diocese accountable to the Synod or its Standing Committee, upon request;

(c) to organisations with bona fide community interests concerning which the Church Information Officer is satisfied.

The Registrar or the Diocesan Secretary may also grant permission to persons to obtain the address lists of Synod Representatives. Synod will be aware that most of this information may be ascertained from the Year Book and the telephone directory."

5. Rev C. D. Turner asked -

"In view of the fact that there is in the 'Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1962' no express declaration as to whether any ballot paper in the final vote shall be deemed to be informal, will the Right Rev the President rule on interpretation of clause 9 (d) of the said Ordinance that it is essential to number every square on the ballot paper in the final vote?"

To which the President replied -

"I am advised that the answer is 'Yes'."