

HOUSES OF THE OIREACHTAS COMMISSION

**[DRAFT] Note of meeting which was held incorporeally and took place
on 16 – 17 December 2020**

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS CONTRIBUTED TO THE MEETING:

Deputy Seán Ó Fearghaíl, Ceann Comhairle (Chairperson), Senator Mark Daly, Cathaoirleach of the Seanad (Deputy Chairperson), Deputy Joe Carey; Deputy Francis Noel Duffy; Deputy Duncan Smith; Senator Seán Kyne; Deputy Jennifer Murnane O'Connor; Deputy Louise O'Reilly; Senator Ned O'Sullivan; Senator Mark Wall; and Mr. Peter Finnegan (Secretary General).

2. AGENDA ITEM

Filling of the post of Captain of the Guard of the Houses of the Oireachtas

Proposal from the Taoiseach that the vacancy in the post of Captain of the Guard of the Houses of the Oireachtas would be filled following an open competition which the Houses of the Oireachtas Service would arrange in accordance with the Commission for Public Service Appointments standards.

The Taoiseach requested the Ceann Comhairle to consult with the Commission on his proposal.

3. COMMISSION DECISION

The Commission noted a letter circulated by email on 16 December from the Taoiseach to the Ceann Comhairle dated 25 November 2020 setting out the process he proposed for the selection of a candidate for appointment by him to fill the vacancy in the post of Captain of the Guard of the Houses of the Oireachtas in accordance with section 7 of the Staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas Act 1959, as amended.

The Commission also noted the draft role specification for the Captain of the Guard position circulated by email on 16 December.

The Commission agreed to facilitate the selection process for the filling of the post as proposed by the Taoiseach.



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