



Anglican Church of Australia

Standing Committee of General Synod

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24 March 2018

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS

The Standing Committee of General Synod met at the Parkroyal Melbourne Airport, Level 5, Airport Drive, Tullamarine at 10.00 am on Saturday 24 March 2018.

A summary of business transacted follows:

1. ANGLICAN NATIONAL APPROACH TO REDRESS AND THE COMMONWEALTH REDRESS SCHEME

Update on Commonwealth National Redress Scheme

Standing Committee received the report of the Royal Commission Working Group on its engagement with the Commonwealth Redress Task Force in the Department of Social Services with respect to the proposed legislation for a National Redress Scheme. Standing Committee noted that the Working Group has recommended a number of amendments to the Commonwealth draft legislation and by extension the Scheme and that remaining issues have been addressed.

Standing Committee received and considered the Exposure Draft National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill 2018 and associated rules and operational protocol.

While awaiting the satisfactory resolution of concerns raised by the Working Group, the referral of powers by the States and the passing of the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Bill and Rules, the Standing Committee recommended to dioceses and the members of Anglicare Australia and Anglican Schools Australia, and other Anglican entities that they to begin the process of :

- opting into the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse as a participating institution and together form a participating group;
- appointing Anglican Redress Australia Limited as their representative*;
- becoming members of Anglican Redress Australia Limited.

Standing Committee requested the General Secretary to register the entity *Anglican Redress Australia Limited* under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

2. ROYAL COMMISSION FINAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Standing Committee received the report of the Safe Ministry Commission on 58 recommendations contained in Volume 16 Religious Institutions of the Royal Commission's Final Report and other relevant recommendations from the Criminal Justice Report.

Standing Committee requested the Safe Ministry Commission to develop an implementation plan which prioritises and sets out the timeframe for the proposed actions to be taken in response to the recommendations from the final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

6. CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with Grace at 2.55pm.