

Annual Report of the Standing Committee

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1. Introduction

1.1 Charter

This report covers actions taken by the Standing Committee since the October 1993 Synod session. The duties of the Standing Committee, under the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 and numerous other ordinances, include -

- (a) Considering and reporting upon matters referred to it by the Synod and carrying out the resolutions of the Synod.
- (b) Making ordinances concerning church trust property.
- (c) Preparing and administering the diocesan budget.
- (d) Making arrangements for Synod sessions and preparing and proposing business for the Synod.
- (e) Acting as a council of advice to the Archbishop (the "Archbishop-in-Council").
- (f) Appointing persons to fill casual vacancies among persons elected by the Synod to boards etc.
- (g) Monitoring the financial affairs of diocesan organisations.

More of the duties of the Standing Committee are referred to in item 3.5 of the *7th Handbook*.

1.2 Access

The Standing Committee meets in St Andrew's House, Sydney Square and mail should be addressed to "The Diocesan Secretary, Standing Committee of Synod, PO Box Q190 Queen Victoria Building, Sydney NSW 2000" (telephone (02) 2651 555 and Fax (02) 261 4485). Office hours are 9 am to 5 pm.

1.3 Meetings and Members

Since 13 October 1993, the Standing Committee has met 12 times and a further 2 meetings are anticipated before the Synod meets on 10 October 1994. The members at the date of this report were -

<i>The Archbishop</i> Archbishop R.H. Goodhew	<i>The Chancellor</i> Mr Justice K.R. Handley
<i>The Assistant Bishops</i> Bishop P.W. Barnett Bishop B.F.V. King Bishop R.J. Piper Bishop R.G. Smith Bishop P.R. Watson	<i>The Registrar</i> Archdeacon S. Skillicorn <i>The Secretaries of Synod</i> The Rev C.J. Moroney Mr W.G.S. Gotley
<i>The Archdeacons</i> Archdeacon A.F. Donohoo Archdeacon G.R. Huard Archdeacon P.F. Perini Archdeacon R.T. Platt Archdeacon L.M. Stoddart	<i>Laypersons Elected by Synod</i> Professor C.R. Bellenger Mr N.M. Cameron Mr G.A. Collins Mr R.S. Dredge Mr D.J. Fairfull Mr P.C.G. Gerber Dr K. Hawtrey Mrs E.C. Holley Dr S.E. Judd Mr R.H.Y. Lambert Mr A.D. McCarthy Mr I.C. Miller Dr B.C. Newman Mr P.T. Nicholson Mr W.B. Nicholson Mr W.H. Olson Dr S.F. Pigginn Deaconess M.A. Rodgers Ms K. Sowada Mr R. Tong Mr R.I. West Mr Justice P.W. Young
<i>The Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral</i> Dean B.A. Jobbins	
<i>Clergymen Elected by Synod</i> Canon L.F. Bartlett The Rev T.K. Dein Canon R.C. Forsyth The Rev N. Jarrett The Rev P.D. Jensen Canon P.F. Jensen The Rev Dr W.J. Lawton The Rev J.R. Livingstone The Rev Dr P.T. O'Brien The Rev J. Ramsay The Rev P.J. Tasker Canon B.C. Wilson The Rev Dr J.W. Woodhouse	

A number of changes have taken place in membership since October 1993.

- (a) Bishop P.R. Watson became Bishop of South Sydney when Bishop B.F.V. King became Bishop of Parramatta.
- (b) The Rev P.F. Perini became Archdeacon of South Sydney from 1 December 1993.
- (c) Archdeacon V.W. Roberts became Rector of Darling Point on 9 December 1993 and the Rev Dr L.M. Stoddart became Archdeacon of Wollongong from 1 February 1994.
- (d) Mr G.V. Kells did not stand for re-election in October 1993.
- (e) Canon P.S. Kemp, the Revs B.A. Ballantine-Jones, V.R. Cole and J.G. Mason, Dr L.A. Scandrett, Mr D.R. Lewarne and Mr D.S. Marr were not re-elected by the Synod in October 1993.

We have minuted our very great appreciation of the valuable service given by those who are no longer members of the Standing Committee.

1.4 Archdeacon V.W. Roberts

When Victor Roberts became Rector of Darling Point, he had been Archdeacon of Wollongong since September 1985 and a member of the Standing Committee since October 1975. We have minuted our thanks to God for Victor's services and assured him and his wife Delle of continuing prayer support.

1.5 The Rev M. Cripps and Archdeacon D.D. Nicolios

The Rev Maureen Cripps retired as President of the Diaconal Fellowship on 31 December 1993. We have acknowledged the work done by Maureen in pastoring women deacons and deaconesses, and wished her well in retirement.

The Archbishop appointed the Rev Dianne Nicolios as the Archdeacon for Women's Ministry and she has been invited to attend meetings of the Standing Committee and speak, but not to vote. (She is not an Archdeacon with territorial jurisdiction and is not, therefore, a member *ex-officio*.)

1.6 Deaconess M.A. Rodgers: Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Media

With the approval of the Standing Committee, the Anglican Media Council has appointed Margaret Rodgers as its Chief Executive Officer. She has the very difficult job of blending together our work in radio, television, church information and media relations.

1.7 Episcopal Area of Georges River: Bishop of Liverpool

The Archbishop advised us that the episcopal area described as "Liverpool/Bankstown" in earlier advices would be called "Georges River" and the Standing Committee concurred with the title "Bishop of Liverpool" for Bishop R.G. Smith.

1.8 Management and Structure

The work of the Standing Committee is done through committees and the staff of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat. The major committees of the Standing Committee are listed in item 3.5 of the *7th Handbook*. We give thanks for and record our appreciation of the people who served on our committees during the year.

1.9 Major Activities Since October 1993

The major activities since October 1993 have been -

- (a) The Consideration of Clerical Disciplinary Enquires.
- (b) The Discussion of Lay and Diaconal Administration of the Holy Communion.
- (c) The Preparation of the Diocesan Income and Expenditure Ordinance 1994 with the Diocesan Budget for 1995.
- (d) The Consideration of Bills for Ordinances.

- (e) The Preparation of an Exposure Draft on Regionalisation/ Diocesan Development.

2. Parish Administration

2.1 Actions Under the Extra-Parochial Ordinance 1919 and the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

The Archbishop-in-Council has declared all campuses of the Wollongong University as extra-parochial. Page 117 of the 1994 Year Book has a list of the buildings, institutions and schools which have been declared extra-parochial under the 1919 and 1975 Ordinances.

2.2 Actions under the Parishes Ordinance 1979

Several parishes have not met the "local revenues" test -

	<i>1992 Threshold \$36,343</i>	<i>1993 Threshold \$37,442</i>
Bexley	-	x
Botany/Mascot/Eastlakes	x	x
Concord & Burwood	x	x
Coogee	-	x
Drummoyne	-	x
Kensington	x	x
Malabar	-	x
Northbridge	-	x
North Ryde	-	x
Punchbowl with Greenacre	-	x
South Sydney	-	x
Sydney - St Michael	-	x

The parishes of Abbotsford, Homebush West, Petersham and Strathfield (St Andrew) became provisional parishes on 1 January 1994 under clause 8 of the Parishes Ordinance.

The Standing Committee provisionally changed Annandale and West Ryde to provisional parishes from 1 January 1994 and has extended the terms of the provisional parishes of Hornsby Heights to 31 December 1995 and Bossley Park to 31 December 1995.

WARC recommends that Glenquarie and Menai become parishes, and has extended the terms of the provisional parishes of Gerringong and Minto to 31 December 1996.

PARC has extended the terms of the Provisional Parishes of Kingswood and St Clair to 31 December 1996 and the Assisted Provisional Parish of Quakers Hill to 31 December 1995.

2.3 Actions under the Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1988

The Archbishop-in-Council was required to decide whether the Parish of St Saviour, Punchbowl had the right to be represented on the Presentation Board. It was decided that the Parish did not have this right.

2.4 Actions under the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 and the Church Grounds and Buildings Ordinance 1990

The Archbishop-in-Council modified the constitutions of the parish councils of Hunters Hill, Rockdale and Sadleir. The parish of Belmore was given authority to have a combined annual vestry meeting. A disputes committee has been set up to determine a vestry meeting dispute at the Parish of Peakhurst.

A disputes committee ruled that the 1993 annual vestry meeting of Willoughby had not been conducted substantially in accordance with the Church Administration Ordinance 1990, but in the circumstances no injury was caused, no further meeting was required to be called and the elections were to stand as if the meeting had been properly conducted.

2.5 Collection of Parochial Statistics

The Standing Committee has approved the collection of church statistics by the Archdeacons in future, and that they be kept and published by HMS and made available to the Archbishop, Regional Bishops and members of the Standing Committee as a matter of course, and to others for a fee.

3. Financial and Property Administration

3.1 Accounts Ordinance 1975

A supplementary report will be made on the audited accounts and annual reports of diocesan organisations, lodged under clauses 7 and 8 of the Accounts Ordinance 1975.

3.2 Audited Accounts of the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee has the custody of all property belonging to the Synod. The Secretariat keeps the Standing Committee's books of account and the audited accounts of the Synod Fund for 1993 have been printed with this report. The 1993 audited accounts of the Sydney Diocesan Account, a group of small sub-trusts and clearing accounts, will be tabled at the Synod session.

3.3 Ordination Training Fund

Bursaries of \$274,118 were paid direct to Moore Theological College in 1993 as an offset to the fees of candidates for ordination in our Diocese (\$256,137 in 1992).

3.4 Ordinances Passed Since last Report

The following table shows the numbers of ordinances passed and assented to for the years 1988 to 1993 and for 1994 so far.

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Standing Committee	29	40	40	55	46	43	48
Synod	14	12	15	10	7	17	9
	43	52	55	65	53	60	57

A list of the ordinances passed by the Standing Committee since the last report to Synod has been printed with this report and an updated list will be tabled at the Synod session.

The name of the Council of the Board of Education: Diocese of Sydney was changed to the Anglican Education Commission Diocese of Sydney and the Commission was reconstituted. The Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council was reconstituted.

The Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Ordinance 1961 was amended extensively to comply with Government requirements.

The Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984 was amended to permit gains or losses on the disposal of equities to be included in the calculation of "the operating surplus", from which amounts are made available for distribution under an Income and Expenditure Ordinance.

3.5 Ordinance Fees

The Standing Committee approved the following scale of fees from 1 January 1993 -

	\$
Ordinances requiring a Large Receipts Committee hearing	550
Sale, Leasing or other complex Ordinances	330
Other Ordinances	170
Synod Ordinances	Nil *

* But a contribution may be sought towards printing costs.

3.6 Distributions of Funds Under Ordinances

Several distributions of funds were approved -

Hurlstone Park Sale Ordinance 1983: \$10,000 for MADCOM for an English as a second language teacher.

Mittagong Sale Ordinance 1981: 66.6% of the income (about \$6,000 pa) for an evangelist/youth worker.

Naremburn (Sale of Rectory) Ordinance 1985: \$3,000 for a piano.

Neutral Bay Rectory Sale Ordinance 1989: \$30,152 and \$21,324 towards a new rectory and assistant minister's house respectively.

St Michael's Sydney Ordinance 1994: \$23,102 for repairs to church buildings.

Sylvania Land Sale Ordinance 1992: \$32,895 for work on buildings and grounds.

Sylvania Land Sale Ordinance 1992: \$75,000 for Vision 2001 and \$25,000 for WARC, both to be through a Diocesan Income and Expenditure Ordinance.

Hurlstone Park Sale Ordinance 1983: 70% pa of income from investments towards assessments or travel costs within the Parish.

Berrima cum Moss Vale Land Sale Ordinance 1983: \$6,500 for a lawn mover and trailer.

The amount which triggers a Large Receipts Committee hearing was reviewed but remains at \$300,000.

3.7 Assessment Authorisation Ordinance 1975

Relief from assessments or adjustments to assessments has been approved for a number of parochial units.

- (a) Upon the discovery of an error, relief of \$3,552 was granted to Camden.
- (b) Upon the amalgamation of Ruse/Airds/Kentlyn with Campbelltown, a further \$1,065.25 was remitted (relief of \$12,100 has been granted over several years).
- (c) Upon the formation of Culburra Beach as a provisional parish, relief of \$2,082 was granted to Huskisson.
- (d) Upon the formation of Kirribilli as a provisional parish, relief of \$7,172 was granted to Neutral Bay.

3.8 Arrears of Assessments Payable by Parochial Units

The following table compares the arrears as at 15 August of the last 3 years -

	1992	1993	1994
	\$	\$	\$
Arrangements to Pay			
Annandale	-	2,870.00	4,990.00
Ermington	4,034.50	5,185.00	4,997.25
Kurrajong	-	-	3,517.50
Littleton	-	-	2,000.00
Minto	2,173.25	5,699.75	2,419.75
Ruse	2,445.50	-	-
St George	2,313.25	-	-
No Arrangements			
Abbotsford	3,554.50	6,424.50	-
Ashbury	3,873.00	-	-
Auburn - St Philip	1,412.00	3,710.50	6,597.00
Berrima	-	2,120.75	-
Blakehurst	-	922.00	-
Bulli	2,613.00	-	-
Croydon	1,458.25	-	-

Dapto	4,722.50	-	-
Dulwich Hill	-	-	1,000.00
Forestville	5,459.50	3,046.50	1,851.25
Greenwich	-	-	1,786.25
Hunters Hill	-	-	976.00
Katoomba	1,124.00	-	-
Keiraville	1,364.25	-	-
Lane Cove	3,936.75	-	-
Millers Point	1,320.75	-	-
Northbridge	1,091.00	-	-
Northmead	-	-	3,088.75
Nowra	2,514.25	2,824.00	-
Richmond	2,358.00	-	1,426.25
Riverstone	727.00	-	-
Robertson	-	-	1,000.00
Rozelle	-	1,594.00	-
Wentworthville	1,204.00	2,716.00	1,000.00
West Ryde	-	1,948.50	5,897.00
West Wollongong	-	-	2,767.75
Wilberforce	-	901.00	-
Total	49,699.25	39,962.50	45,314.75

3.9 St Peter's Hornsby Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 1978

This Fund is held upon trust to apply the income as directed by ordinance of the Synod. Appropriations of income feature regularly in diocesan income and expenditure ordinances. A condition at the time the Fund was created was that interest-free loans be made to St Mark's Berowra and St Luke's Hornsby Heights. As at 5 August 1993, the status of these interest-free loans was -

	<i>Berowra</i>	<i>Hornsby Heights</i>
Balance owing	\$19,139	\$51,500
Annual Repayment Rate	\$1,000	\$7,200

Berowra intends to repay the balance owing from the proceeds of the sale of Bar Island. The repayment rate of the Hornsby Heights loan will be reviewed by 31 December 1994 and the Berowra loan by 31 December 1996.

3.10 Parramatta '54 Free Fund

This Fund is held upon trust to distribute the income among objects of the Diocese of Sydney determined by the Archbishop-in-Council. A distribution of \$7,000 was made this year towards hospitality costs of the 1994 Australian Bishops' Conference (\$7,000 for 1993) held at Gilbulla.

3.11 Endowment of the See (Various Approvals)

The stipends, allowances, superannuation, long service leave, housing and office costs of the Archbishop, assistant bishops, the

registrar and archdeacons, the salaries of the deputy registrar, and registry staff (including the archivists), and the stipend, allowances, superannuation, long service leave and housing costs of the Dean are met from the Endowment of the See. These costs are not a charge on Synod funds.

Provision has been made for a special contribution towards the Archbishop's superannuation in lieu of contributions which would have been made for his post-age 65 service but for the intrusion of Government legislation.

During the year, provision was made to pay the stipend etc of the Archdeacon for Women's Ministry from the Endowment of the See, less the amount provided by the Synod, and to pay a grant of \$25,000 to the Anglican Media Council towards the cost of work undertaken for the Archbishop.

3.12 Estate of Late M.A. Grant (Sisters' Endowment)

The Archbishop-in-Council appropriated \$60,000 from this Estate for distribution by the Archbishop in assisting clergy, clergy widows and clergy children or orphans who are in need.

3.13 Increases in Borrowing Limits

New borrowing limits were approved for 3 organisations.

Under the Anglican Counselling Centre (Ashfield Property) Ordinance 1985, a mortgage limit was increased from \$36,729 to \$250,000 to enable the purchase of a building at Penrith, with associated costs including the building of a car park.

3.14 Crawford Village Parramatta North

The management link with the Anglican Retirement Villages organisation has been maintained and plans for further development of Crawford Village are being discussed.

3.15 Archbishop's Bushfire Appeal

After the terrible bushfires in January, the Archbishop made an appeal for funds to help the bushfire victims. The appeal raised \$181,298 of which \$25,000 came from the National Home Mission Fund.

3.16 Portrait of the Archbishop

A portrait of the Archbishop has been commissioned.

3.17 Long Service Leave

We asked the General Synod's Long Service Leave Board to consider promoting an amending canon to address 3 matters.

- (a) Provision should be made for a diocese to say which classes of persons (including lay persons) it wants covered by the Long Service Leave Canon 1992.
- (b) Provision should be made for reciprocal agreements with any similar fund to enable free movement of entitlements from diocese of diocese and organisation or denomination in future.

- (c) The tensions created by wide discrepancies in stipends paid in our dioceses will grow and need to be addressed in a national long service leave fund if it is to remain national.

The Long Service Leave Board has agreed to (a), the proposal in (b) can be done through the "buy-back" provisions of the present Canon, but the Board has rejected (c) on the grounds that it would be awkward to administer a fund with different levels of benefit.

A diocese, parish or organisation seeking a higher benefit than at present could supplement the benefit with its own funds.

4. General Administration

4.1 Elections

The appointment of persons to serve on committees etc, the filling of casual vacancies among the members of organisations under ordinances and resolutions of the Synod, and the appointment of persons to represent the Diocese on other organisations is an important part of the business of the Standing Committee.

From October 1993 to July 1994, 215 such positions were filled (153 for the same period last year). This includes the persons elected to the committees in item 1.8.

4.2 Copyright

A circular is being prepared on this complex matter. A separate report has been printed on Copyright Licences for Parishes.

4.3 Pre-Schools, Kindergartens, Schools, Colleges or Similar activities Operated by Parishes

Since October 1993, the Standing Committee has not consented to the commencement by any parish or church of any new pre-school, kindergarten, school or college or similar educational activity requiring governmental registration, licence or authorisation. This consent is not required for an activity commenced under a lease or licence granted by the Property Trust.

There is a list of the previously approved pre-schools etc on page 308 of the 1992 Year Book and in 1993 the Standing Committee consented to a pre-school being started by the Parish of Manly.

4.4 Outdoor Education and Conference Centres

Following bushfire damage to the Anglican Youth Department's Port Hacking properties, we asked the Chief Executive Officer to confer with Youth Department officers and report on whether long-term plans for the Department's properties should be revised.

After receiving a report, we agreed that we need 5 outdoor education and conference centres.

Central Port Hacking (300 beds: Rathane/Telford, Deer Park/Chaldercot) sites to be retained and the current plans for Deer Park/Chaldercot completed. Rathane/Telford to be

- evaluated to see if they could encompass modern conference centre facilities.
- West Retain Springwood site but in the 5-10 year horizon evaluate a possible move to the Upper Blue Mountains. Complete current land sale and use proceeds for new southern site.
- South When money is received from Springwood land sale, sell the Gerroa properties and combine the proceeds to purchase a new site in the south. This would give access to wilderness areas and hopefully also give reasonable access to beaches.
- North Investigate feasibility of acquiring a site or joint-venturing with a site 1.5 to 2 hours north of Sydney preferably on the Central Coast.
- Alpine Develop small facility on land owned near Jindabyne to give access to this unique part of Australia.

The Chief Executive Officer has been asked to report on the future of Gilbulla as a diocesan conference centre.

4.5 Expression of Biblical Concepts in School Activity

We sought an assurance from the Hon Mrs Virginia Chadwick, Minister for Education, that staff in State schools will not be allowed to stop pupils from including Biblical concepts in all aspects of school activity dealing with creation, evolution, marriage, extra-marital sex and other sexual activity, Christmas and Easter.

There is a range of religions and other philosophies in our pluralist and multi-cultural society but the traditional and majority view is Christian. In these circumstances we think it is inappropriate to stifle the expression of Christian views in our State schools and to promote instead secular humanism and other philosophies.

4.6 Industrial Relations Reform Act 1993

This Act affects every employer and, after receiving a report from the Legal Officer, Mr Mark Payne, the Standing Committee agreed to promote an amendment of the tenure provision in the Deaconesses, Readers and Other Lay Persons Ordinance 1981. After the Synod session, a memorandum of advice on the Industrial Relations Reform Act 1993 will be sent to parishes.

4.7 Decade of Evangelism

Our committee to promote the Decade of Evangelism, under the Archbishop and Assistant Bishops, produced a final report with "pre-strategy" suggestions for the work of the Gospel, church planting and church growth.

We referred the report to the Archbishop who has requested each Assistant Bishop and Archdeacon to take the report into account in planning strategies for their respective areas.

4.8 "Membership" of GBRE

Following the Synod's decision not to allocate funds for the General Board of Religious Education ("GBRE") for 1994, the Standing

Committee rescinded the appointment of Sydney representatives and acknowledged that it was competent for the Board of Education: Diocese of Sydney (now the Anglican Education Commission) to retain informal links with the GBRE.

4.9 Relationships with Deaconess House

A committee comprising Dr S.E. Judd, Mr R.H.Y. Lambert, Mr I.C. Miller and Ms K. Sowada has been appointed to consider and report on the relationship of our Diocese with Deaconess House.

5. General and Provincial Synod Matters

5.1 Next General Synod Session

The next session of the General Synod will be held from 3 to 7 July 1995 in Melbourne. Separate reports have been printed on General Synod legislation and on our external relationships.

5.2 Provincial Synod Session

The Provincial Synod met at Gilbulla in February 1994. The 1902 Constitution was revised: see the report on the Provincial Synod - Constitution Ordinance 1994 Adopting Ordinance 1994.

6. Sydney Synod Matters

6.1 Resolutions Passed by the Synod in 1993/94 and not Otherwise Mentioned in this Report

Circulars were sent to parishes and organisations about the matters arising from the 1993/94 Synod session. Copies of Synod resolutions were sent to appropriate persons and organisations.

6.2 Form of Future Synod Meetings

We split the first session of this Synod into 3 days in October 1993 and 2 days in March 1994. This suited some members but not others and the second session has been split into 3 days in the second week of October, 2 days in the third week of October and 1 day in November.

We were persuaded that 6 meeting days were needed for this session due to the volume of business. The spread of meeting dates reflects the availability of suitable meeting places capable of holding the Synod (if most members come) and being reasonably central for transport and meals. Cost is a significant factor also.

Provision has been made for a committee comprising Mr Justice P.W. Young and a representatives appointed by each Area Archdeacon, to advise the Archbishop on the form of future Synod meetings after 1994/95.

Suitably located meeting places of the size required for Synod meetings are often booked 12 months in advance and, pending a report from the committee referred to in the previous paragraph and subject to the availability of a suitable venue, the Standing Committee

has recommended to the Archbishop that the next session of the Synod be called for 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 October 1995.

**6.3 12/84 Conduct of Marriage Services Involving Divorced Persons
Sunday/Sabbath Observance
10/94 Experimental Sunday Services: Wording of the Creeds**

The Diocesan Doctrine Commission has still to report on these matters.

6.4 Marriage of Divorced Persons

We recommended that the Archbishop appoint a committee to review the Marriage of Divorced Persons Bill 1986 and report on whether the Bill should be amended and promoted to the Synod. The Archbishop appointed the following committee to do this job.

The Rev E.W. Carnaby	Bishop R.J. Piper
Mrs K. Clarke	Miss J. Ross
The Rev G.N. Davies	Mrs E. Smart
Mrs M. Fuller	Archdeacon L.M. Stoddart
Archdeacon P.F. Perini	

**6.5 12/90 Archbishop's Commission of Enquiry into Ministry Organisations of the Diocese
Diocesan Executive Board**

The Standing Committee has adopted a proposal to replace the Financial Priorities Committee with a Diocesan Executive Board ("DEB") having the following terms of reference -

- (a) To prepare beginning the financial year 1996 draft Synod Budgets for the Standing committee under clause 9 of the Assessment Authorisation Ordinance 1975.
- (b) To recommend, in consultation with the Archbishop, mission and vision statements for approval by the Archbishop-in-Council.
- (c) To transmit the mission and vision to the whole Diocese and try to create an environment conducive to the achievement of this vision.
- (d) To make recommendations to the Archbishop-in-Council about whether and how the role of the DEB should be expanded.
- (e) To report on any other matters referred to it by the Archbishop, the Archbishop-in-Council or the Standing Committee.
- (f) To make a comprehensive report on its operations in 3 years so that the continuation of the DEB can be reviewed.

The Board is comprised of -

The Archbishop
The CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat *ex-officio*
The 5 Assistant Bishops

5 members of the Standing Committee (appointed by the Standing Committee on the nomination of the Archbishop)
Mr N.M. Cameron Mr W.H. Olson
Dr S.E. Judd Mr R.H.Y. Lambert
The Rev P.D. Jensen

Archdeacon W.S. Skillicorn is to attend meetings as the Archbishop's personal assistant and the Diocesan Secretary is the Secretary of the Board.

6.6 Synod Representative & Membership Ordinance 1945 14th Constitution Ordinance 1988 Retirements Ordinance 1993

Proposals for the amendment of these ordinances are being considered -

- (a) to bring relevant provisions on Synod membership together in 1 ordinance and tidy up loose ends; and
- (b) to provide for the Regional Bishops, rather than the Retirements Board, to make recommendations to the Archbishop on extensions of service for parish clergy.

Any legislation for (a) is likely to be presented after the new Provincial Constitutions come into effect.

6.7 Bankruptcy and Insolvency

We have asked for a bill to be drafted to clear up anomalies in the membership provisions of organisations and parishes. The main concern is to ensure that insolvents under administration are ineligible to be appointed as members of our unincorporated bodies or to hold the office of churchwarden.

The bill is still being drafted and will be promoted next year.

6.8 7/92 Regionalisation/Diocesan Development

An exposure draft on this subject was circulated to Synod members on 8 August 1994. The target date for comments is 31 March 1995 with a view to legislation being submitted to the 3rd session of this Synod.

6.9 35/92 Programme to Recruit Christian Teachers

Mr Riley Warren, the convenor of the committee working on resolution 35/92, has reported that the committee is working towards a recommendation to Synod, but does not have a report ready for the 1994 session.

6.10 26/93 Anti-Discrimination Act 1977: Homosexual Vilification

The text of this Synod resolution, calling for the rejection of a bill before the Parliament, was conveyed to the Premier of New South Wales and selected members of Parliament. We were not successful in having the bill rejected but the bill was amended so that any public act done reasonably and in good faith for the purpose of religious instruction will not be unlawful. If, however, the religious instruction

includes threatening physical harm or harm to property, or inciting others to do these things, it is an offence which may be prosecuted.

6.11 27/93 A Prayer Book for Australia

The Sydney Synod asked the Standing Committee of the General Synod to delay the production of *A Prayer Book for Australia* until at least the General Synod session after the session to the held in 1995.

This request was not agreed to but it led to fruitful contact between our Diocesan Liturgical Committee and the General Synod's Liturgical Commission. A separate report from our Diocesan Liturgical Committee has been printed for the Synod.

6.12 8/94 Planting and Developing New Churches

The Archbishop appointed the following committee to report to the next Synod on the matters in Synod resolution 8/94.

The Rev G.R. Banister	Bishop R.J. Piper
The Rev P.A. Collins	The Rev S.P. Robinson
Mrs N. Gatenby	Mr R. Storey
Archdeacon G.R. Huard	The Rev J.W. Woo
The Rev P.D. Jensen	

6.13 9/94 Future Patterns of Ministry

The Archbishop appointed the following committee to do the report requested by resolution 9/94.

The Rev T.W. Edwards	Mr G. Pritchard
Canon R.C. Forsyth	The Rev M.B. Robinson
The Rev N. Jarrett	Bishop R.G. Smith
The Rev P.D. Jensen	Bishop P.R. Watson
Archdeacon P.F. Perini	Mr Justice P.W. Young

One of the matters this committee is to report on is clergy tenure and the Standing Committee referred to the committee a proposal for an ordinance under the 21st Constitution for a means of revoking a clergyman's licence should that clergyman be unable to keep any of the vows made on ordination.

The Synod asked the committee to report to this session of Synod, but the committee was only appointed in April and there has not been enough time to do the job. The committee will continue its work with a view to reporting next year.

6.14 14/93 Retirement Housing for Church Workers

The Standing Committee has asked the mover of resolution 14/93 (the Rev T.K. Dein) to prepare a report in terms of the resolution. There will not be a report for this session.

6.15 Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982

The Standing Committee has agreed to the drafting of amendments along the following lines.

- (a) Nominations be invited before the Election synod as at present but each nominee be notified in writing of the nomination and be able to withdraw within 14 days.
- (b) There be at least 20 nominators for each nominee.
- (c) The opening address be given by the Chairman of the Appointment Synod.
- (d) Nominators have the right to co-ordinate speakers for their candidate.
- (e) A candidate cannot be the Chairman of the Appointment Synod.
- (f) All votes on a nominee be conducted by secret ballot.
- (g) To the extent possible, voting be on a single ballot paper at the end of each stage.
- (h) The Assistant Bishops Ordinance 1947 be amended so that, within 12 months after the appointment of the Archbishop, an assistant bishop may be asked to vacate office on the recommendation of the Archbishop with the approval of both the clerical and lay members of the Standing Committee, on 6 months notice.
- (i) An Archbishop of Sydney who is appointed Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia may remain Archbishop until he reaches the age of 70 years.
- (j) The General Synod - See Finance and Information Canon 1966 Adopting Ordinance 1967 be repealed as it serves no purpose.

6.16 17/94 Motions Referred to the Standing Committee

A report was sent to Synod members on the motions referred to the Standing Committee at the close of Synod business in March 1994.

6.17 Special Reports

A number of special reports have been printed as supplements to this report: see the Contents pages for details.

6.18 Ordinances for this Session

The drafting and language of bills for ordinances for this session promoted by request of the Standing Committee or Synod has been or will have been examined by members of the Standing Committee's Ordinance Drafting Panel before the Synod meets. See the Contents pages for details.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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9 August 1994 *

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