

Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011

Explanatory Statement

Background

1. At its session in 2010, the Synod omitted from the text of the Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010 provisions relating to the solemn promises to be made by the Archbishop upon his election. The Synod also requested that the Standing Committee bring to the Synod session in 2011 the omitted provisions in the form of a bill to further amend the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982.

2. The bill for the Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011 (the bill) gives effect to the Synod's request.

3. The bill provides that before a person can become Archbishop, the person must give similar promises to those proposed to be given by clergy before ordination, first licensing by the Archbishop and consecration following appointment as an Assistant Bishop.

4. The bill sets out in a new Second Schedule to the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 a suitably modified form of the promises proposed to be given by clergy (excluding the promise to obey all such directions as the Archbishop is authorised by law to give).

Recommendation

5. The Standing Committee recommends that the Synod pass the bill as an ordinance.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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