

XI.
REPORT
OF THE
***AD HOC* SPECIAL COMMITTEE**
ANENT REVIEW OF THE ACTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

1. The Committee was appointed by the General Assembly of 2001 to take forward the work of an *ad hoc* committee set up by the 2000 Assembly which had considered Assembly legislation from 1990 onwards. Its remit is “to continue, in consultation with Standing and Special Committees in so far as legislation bears on those Committees, consideration of Assembly legislation requiring repeal or amendment”. The thinking behind this remit was that the new situation in the Church created an opportunity to review all extant Assembly Acts in order to determine which of them needed more closely to reflect current administrative structures or were no longer of practical utility. Such work had in any event been long overdue.

2. Subsequent to the 2001 Assembly some initial work was done and the Committee reviewed some 100 pieces of legislation and reached preliminary conclusions on their continued usefulness or need for amendment. However, following the raising of the Church’s legal action in October 2001 the view was taken, in consultation with the Church’s legal advisers, that the Committee’s work should not be seen as a priority pending the determination of the legal action. Against this background, and taking account of other priorities facing the Church at this time, the work has not been taken further forward over the past year.

3. In the prospect, however, that the way will eventually become clearer for the work to proceed the Assembly are invited, as before, to renew the remit of the Committee for a further year.

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PROPOSED DELIVERANCE

1. The General Assembly receive and adopt the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Special Committee anent Review of the Acts of Assembly;
2. The General Assembly renew the remit of the *Ad Hoc* Special Committee anent Review of the Acts of Assembly for a further year.