

## SEE FINANCE AND INFORMATION CANON 1966

### Canon 14, 1966

**A canon to regulate the provision of information regarding the remuneration and emoluments of the bishop of a see.**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. Whenever a see shall become or be declared to be vacant the Administrator shall within two months from such vacancy cause an investigation to be made of the assets which comprise the endowment of the see fund, and a report to be prepared concerning the same.
2. Such report shall include:
  - (a) a balance sheet which sets out in detail the assets and liabilities of the fund together with income and expenditure accounts of the fund for each of the three years immediately preceding such vacancy, and such balance sheet and accounts shall be certified as correct by the auditor of the diocese;
  - (b) a description of the condition of any property to be provided for the residence of the bishop and the outgoings in respect thereto;
  - (c) any other matters which the investigator thinks should be included.
3. If the remuneration and emoluments of a bishop are not derived from or provided by an endowment fund and the see shall become or be declared to be vacant, the administrator shall cause a detailed statement to be prepared which shall set out:
  - (a) the proposed remuneration and emoluments of the new bishop;
  - (b) the source of the same;
  - (c) the condition of any property to be provided for the residence of the bishop and the outgoings in respect to the same.
4. If the remuneration and emoluments of a bishop are derived partly from an endowment fund and partly from other sources and the see shall become or be declared to be vacant, the Administrator shall cause both an investigation and report and a statement to be prepared as set out in clauses 1 to 3 hereof.
5. The Administrator shall send a copy of any such report and statement so prepared as aforesaid to the person elected or appointed as bishop of such see and if such see is part of a province to the metropolitan of such province, and if such see is not part of a province to the Primate.

6. The bishop or bishops or the administrator or administrators of any diocese or dioceses out of which a new diocese is about to be formed shall prior to the circulation of a bill for a canon to ratify the formation of such a new diocese cause a statement to be prepared setting out the matters detailed in clauses 3 (a), (b) and (c) hereof.
7. A copy of such statement shall be sent by the person or persons responsible for its preparation to each of the following namely
  - (a) to the synod council committee or persons authorised under section 48 of the Constitution to elect or appoint the first bishop of a new diocese,
  - (b) to any person elected or appointed as the said first bishop,
  - (c) to the metropolitan of the province wherein such new diocese is to be a part; and
  - (d) to the Primate where such new diocese is not to be part of a province.
8. The cost of the preparation of such last mentioned statement shall be part of the costs for the formation of the said new diocese.
9. When a bishop intends to resign he shall notify such intention and the date on which it is to take effect in writing to the metropolitan, or, where there is no metropolitan, to the Primate, and also to the administrator. On and after such date the see shall be deemed vacant.
10. For the purpose of this canon the words:

"**declared vacant**" shall mean that the see has been declared vacant under the provisions of Determination VI, Session 1891.

"**Administrator**" shall mean and include the person appointed by or under the constitution of the diocese to administer the affairs of the diocese during a vacancy in the see.
11. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of the church within a diocese.
12. Determination III, Session 1896, as amended and Determination VI, Session 1905, of the General Synod of the Dioceses of the Church of England in Australia and Tasmania shall cease to have any operation in any diocese on the passing of an ordinance by the synod of such diocese adopting this canon.
13. This canon may be cited as the "See Finance and Information Canon 1966".

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