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Commissioners Our commissioners represent Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and four are put forward by the political parties in the House of Commons. They are known

as 'nominated commissioners'. The process for selecting the nominated

commissioners is different, but all commissioners are equal. Scotland, Wales and

Northern Ireland Three of our commissioners have responsibility for Scotland, Wales

and Northern Ireland. They make sure these areas are represented, especially when the

law or processes are different. Political parties Nominated commissioners Three of

our commissioners were put forward by the Leaders of the three largest nominating

parties, and the fourth is appointed from candidates put forward by the other

parties. Nominating parties are registered parties with two or more Members of the

House of Commons. Submitting and recommending the candidates The Speaker gives the

relevant party leaders the opportunity to submit the names and CVs of three

candidates. They also have to submit evidence of the suitability for each candidate.

An independent panel reviews the information from the party leader, and interviews

the candidates. The panel writes a report for the Speaker's Committee, which

evaluates the candidates. The Speaker's Committee then makes recommendations based on

this report. Once the Speaker's Committee makes the recommendations, the Speaker

holds a statutory consultation with the relevant parties on the names of successful

candidates. After the consultation, the Speaker's Committee reports its

recommendation to the House of Commons, including the responses received in the

statutory consultation. The Speaker will ask the Leader of the House to table a

motion for an humble Address to appoint the recommended candidates. Appointing the

commissioners If the House agrees the motion, the Queen appoints our commissioners by

Royal Warrant. Related content Our Commissioners Electoral Commission Board Find out

about our Electoral Commission board, and read the minutes of past meetings Interim

corporate plan 2020/21 - 2024/25 Our interim corporate plan was published following

the 2019 UK Parliament general election. It has now been replaced by our 2022/23 to

2026/27 plan. Our Executive Team Meet our Executive Team, and find out more about

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