

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE ARCHBISHOPRIC AND CLERGY

SUMMARY PAPER B – TERMINOLOGY

What this is about

Various changes are recommended to the titles given to various offices and committees.

What are the main issues

Some terms are inaccurate or misleading, some are used differently in different legislation, and Latin is less used than in the past and not always properly understood.

What are the recommendations

Some changes are in particular recommendations, others are not.

Where to find it in the consultation paper

Appendix 1 has this table:

Term	Current		Recommended	
	Meaning	How permitted to function	Meaning	How permitted to function
Assistant bishop	An assistant bishop under the Assistant Bishops Act	Licensed	An assistant bishop under the Assistant Bishops Act	Licensed
Designated bishop			An assistant bishop given responsibility by the Archbishop for one or more parishes, Authorised Anglican Congregations or other forms of missional activity within a defined geographical area	Licensed
Archdeacon	A person in Holy Orders appointed as such by the Archbishop	Licensed	A person in Holy Orders appointed as such by the Archbishop	Licensed
Vicar	A person instituted to a parish as incumbent or priest in charge ¹		A person in Holy Orders instituted to a parish (whether as incumbent or as priest in charge)	Licensed
incumbency committee	the committee responsible for identifying and proposing priests for appointment as vicars	Diocesan legislation		

¹ For the purposes of the Parish Governance Act the term "vicar" also includes an interim vicar and (if there is no interim vicar) the Archdeacon

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lay members of incumbency committee	the lay members of the incumbency committee	Diocesan legislation		
<i>locum tenens</i>	a clerk appointed temporarily by the Archbishop to perform the ecclesiastical duties of the incumbency (literally, a placeholder)	Authorized		
Incumbent	In the Interpretation of Diocesan Legislation Act: A clerk instituted to a parish In the Appointments Act: A clerk instituted to a parish with the rights of an incumbent as set out in the Act	Licensed	A vicar with the rights of an incumbent	Licensed
intentional interim vicar			an interim vicar appointed during an interregnum specifically to work with the parish through a period of reflection and discernment	Licensed
interim vicar			a priest appointed temporarily by the Archbishop to perform the duties of the vicar of a parish	Authorized
parish nominations committee			the committee responsible for identifying and proposing priests for appointment as vicars	Diocesan legislation
parish nominators			the lay members of the parish nominations committee	Diocesan legislation
Priest in charge	A clerk instituted to a parish without the rights of an incumbent	Licensed	A vicar without the rights of an incumbent	Licensed
Regional bishop	An assistant bishop so designated by the Archbishop	Licensed		