

Participation Rates of Diocesan Synods

At Synod 2010 Mr Colin Reilly (Christ Church, Brunswick) asked:

That this first session of the 50th Synod of the Diocese of Melbourne, noting –

- (a) the President’s reflection in his charge that ‘Synod is our opportunity to “walk together” as we seek God’s will for his Church in this diocese’, and
- (b) that on average only 77% of eligible members attended the four sessions of the forty-ninth Synod with only 71% attending in 2009,

Requests the Secretary of Synod to ascertain the participation rates at other synods of the Anglican Church of Australia and asks Archbishop in Council and the Synod Arrangements Committee to consider his findings and report to the next session of this Synod.

Answer:

The Registrar’s Office has contacted all other Dioceses in Australia to ascertain their participation rates. The following Dioceses have responded:

Diocese	Participation Rate most recent Synod
Bathurst	95%
Brisbane	68%
Gippsland	85-90%
Melbourne	2010: 83%
North West Australia	98%-100%
Northern Territory	85-90%
Sydney	2008: 66% 2009: 71% 2010: 72%
Riverina	95%
Rockhampton	82%
Willocha	97 %

The matter is yet to be brought before the Archbishop in Council for their consideration and hence no report to the Synod is yet available.