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*Dear Julian (if Emery)*

I write in my capacity as Chair of the House of Lords Conduct Committee, tasked with keeping the House's Code of Conduct under review.

In its report on Russia, at paragraph 54, your Committee makes a recommendation about members' registration of outside employment. I intend to bring this recommendation to the Committee's attention at its next meeting.

I am concerned that the wording of the paragraph could be read as implying that members are not required to register outside employment at all. For the avoidance of doubt, the Code of Conduct requires members of the House of Lords to register all paid and unpaid employment, and the House agreed earlier this month to tighten the rules on registering foreign government clients. Members must also register payments for freelance work which total more than £1,000 from a single source in a year. It is, however, correct that, under the current rules, members do not otherwise have to register the amount of money received, and this is the point which will therefore be referred back to the Committee for its further consideration in the light of your report.

*Yours sincerely*

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