



Committee of Privileges

**Simon Case CVO
Cabinet Secretary
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall**

13 July 2022

Dear Mr Case,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee of Privileges in connection with two issues relating to the matter referred to the Committee by the House on 21 April 2022 concerning the conduct of the Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP.

1. Committee call for evidence

On 29 June the Committee issued a call for evidence which has been published on our [website](#). The Committee would be grateful if you could arrange for this to be drawn to the attention of everyone who works at No 10 Downing Street and in the Cabinet Office, and to former staff who were employed there since the start of the pandemic.

The Committee would further be grateful if you could inform such staff and former staff that:

- (a) the Committee is willing to extend the deadline for submission of evidence in the case of such staff and former staff to 15 August;
- (b) any submissions accepted by the Committee as evidence will be protected by parliamentary privilege;
- (c) the Committee is not seeking to investigate or attribute blame to the conduct of any such staff or former staff; and
- (d) the call for evidence makes clear that the Committee is willing to take oral or written evidence from people who wish to remain anonymous, subject to the Chair being able to identify the individual's identity in conjunction with Committee staff, as well as the relevance and probity of their evidence.



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2. Proposed visit to 10 Downing Street/Cabinet Office

The Committee wishes to visit No 10 Downing Street and the Cabinet Office to inspect the sites of the various events referred to in the Commons statements by Mr Johnson specified in the House's resolution of 20 April 2022. The Committee hope to make this visit in July or September. I would be grateful if your office could begin to make the necessary arrangements for such a visit in discussion with the Committee staff.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriet Harman".

Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP
Chair, Committee of Privileges