



# Formal Minutes of the Committee on Standards in Session 2021–22

The Formal Minutes of a select committee record its formal proceedings and decisions.

They include:

- the names of the members who attended (all or part of) each meeting of the Committee;
- declarations of members' interests;
- details of written and oral evidence reported to the House by the Committee;
- any other formal decisions taken by the committee (recorded as 'orders' or 'resolutions'), for example to begin an inquiry, to report evidence to the House, to make a visit or to appoint a specialist adviser; and
- visits made by the Committee.

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# Wednesday 12 May 2021

Virtual meeting

## Members present

Chris Bryant, in the Chair <sup>1</sup>

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Chris Elmore

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Anne McLaughlin

Dr Michael Maguire

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Declaration of interests

Dr Arun Midha amended his declaration of interests. *(For details, see Appendix)*

## 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

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<sup>1</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings Wednesday 6 May 2020, item 8.

### 3. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

### 5. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The Committee considered this matter.

### 6. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards Annual Report

The Committee considered this matter.

*Resolved*, That the Committee take oral evidence from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on her Annual Report for 2020-21.

### 7. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 18 May 2021 at 9.00 am.

## Tuesday 18 May 2021

Virtual meeting

### Members present

Chris Bryant, in the Chair <sup>2</sup>

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

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<sup>2</sup> Elected by the House (Standing Order No. 122B); see Votes and Proceedings XXX.

Chris Elmore  
Mark Fletcher  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Anne McLaughlin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 May at 9.00 am

## **Tuesday 25 May 2021**

Virtual meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Tammy Banks  
Jane Burgess

Andy Carter  
Alberto Costa  
Rita Dexter  
Chris Elmore  
Mark Fletcher  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct:**

Douglas Bain CBE TD, Acting Senedd Commissioner for Standards [COD0033]  
Supplementary written evidence from Mr Bain [COD0034]  
Dr Melissa McCullough, Northern Ireland Assembly Commissioner for Standards [COD0035]

## 4. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 March 9.45 am

## Tuesday 8 June 2021

Hybrid meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Chris Elmore

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, also attended.

### 1. Declaration of interests

Allan Dorans declared that he had no interests relevant to his membership of the Committee.

### 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

### 4. Boris Johnson

The Committee considered this matter.

### 5. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

### 6. Recall procedure and the Independent Expert Panel

The Committee considered this matter.

### 7. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 15 June at 9.45 am.

## **Wednesday 15 June 2021**

Hybrid meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Chris Elmore

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

### 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. Boris Johnson

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 29 June 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 29 June 2021

Hybrid meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Chris Elmore

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting (other than for item 8).



The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct:**

Senedd Cymru [COD0036]

## 4. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Digitisation of the Register of Members' Financial Interests

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Recall procedure and the Independent Expert Panel

The Committee considered this matter.

## 7. Boris Johnson

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 6 July 2021 at 9.45 am

# Tuesday 6 July 2021

Hybrid meeting

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Chris Elmore

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Declaration of interests

Mehmuda Mian declared her interests (see Appendix).

## 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Bob Stewart and Theresa Villiers

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Boris Johnson

Draft Report (Boris Johnson), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the First Report of the Committee, HC 549.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 13 July 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 13 July 2021

Hybrid meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Chris Elmore

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests, and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Bob Stewart and Theresa Villiers

Sir Roger Gale MP gave oral evidence in private.

Bob Stewart MP gave oral evidence in private.

Adam Holloway MP gave oral evidence in private.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 19 July 2021 at 2.00 pm

## **Monday 19 July 2021**

Virtual meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Chris Elmore  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager and Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Bob Stewart and Theresa Villiers

Draft Report (Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Bob Stewart and Theresa Villiers), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Second Report of the Committee, HC 582.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 20 July 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 20 July 2021

Virtual meeting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Tammy Banks  
Jane Burgess  
Andy Carter  
Alberto Costa  
Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans  
Chris Elmore  
Mark Fletcher  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 9.45 am

# Tuesday 7 September 2021

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Jane Burgess  
Andy Carter  
Alberto Costa  
Rita Dexter  
Allan Dorans  
Chris Elmore  
Mark Fletcher  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting (other than for part of item 6).

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended (other than for part of item 6).

## 1. Declaration of interests

Dr Michael Maguire amended his declaration of interests of 24 November 2020 (for details, see Appendix).

## 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct:**

Professor F D Rose [COD0037]

### **Mrs Natalie Elphicke, Sir Roger Gale, Adam Holloway, Theresa Villiers:**

Letter from Mrs Natalie Elphicke to the Committee dated 8 August 2021

Letter from Sir Roger Gale to the Committee dated 24 July 2021

Letter from Theresa Villiers to the Committee dated 23 July 2021

Letter from Mrs Natalie Elphicke to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales dated 8 August 2021

Letter from Sir Roger Gale to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales dated 24 July 2021

Letter from Adam Holloway to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales dated 1 September 2021

Letter from Bob Stewart to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales dated 27 July 2021 dated 3 August 2021

Letter from Theresa Villiers to the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales dated 23 July 2021

Letter from Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to Mrs Natalie Elphicke dated 1 September 2021

Letter from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to Sir Roger Gale dated 27 July 2021

Letter from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to Adam Holloway dated 1 September 2021

Letter from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to Bob Stewart dated 3 August 2021

Letter from the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales to Theresa Villiers dated 3 August 2021



## 6. Mr Owen Paterson

Sir Bernard Jenkin declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the case of Mr Owen Paterson as a close personal friend of Mr Paterson, and his wife having been a close personal friend of Mr Paterson's late wife.

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 14 September 2021

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Yvonne Fovargue

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

### 1. Declaration of interests

Yvonne Fovargue declared her interests, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 13 July 1992 (see Appendix).

## 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Mr Owen Paterson

Sir Bernard Jenkin informed the Committee that following his declaration on 7 September that he had a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the case of Mr Owen Paterson as a close personal friend of Mr Peterson, and because his wife had been a close personal friend of Mr Paterson's late wife, and having reflected on the ensuing discussion in the Committee in which no other member had supported the idea of his having a continued involvement with the case, he had decided to withdraw with immediate effect from any further participation in the Committee's consideration of the case.

## 5. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **All Party Parliamentary Groups:**

Unlock Democracy [APG0036]

## 6. All Party Parliamentary Groups

Harriett Baldwin MP, Chair, British Group - Interparliamentary Union, and Alex Runswick, Senior Advocacy Manager, Transparency International UK gave oral evidence.

Harry Rich, Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists, gave oral evidence.

Liam Herbert, Chair, Public Affairs Board, Public Relations and Communications Association, and Jon Gerlis, Public Relations and Policy Manager, Chartered Institute of Public Relations, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 21 September 2021 at 9.00 am

# Tuesday 21 September 2021

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly, for the Committee's deliberations under item 2 below.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the incoming Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Mr Owen Paterson

Owen Paterson MP gave oral evidence in private, accompanied by Mr Philip Barden (Devonshires Solicitors LLP) and Nigel Fleming QC.

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 9.45 am

# Tuesday 19 October 2021

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Mark Fletcher

Yvonne Fovargue

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the outgoing Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Mr Owen Paterson

Draft Report (Mr Owen Paterson), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Third Report of the Committee, HC 797.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 2 November 2021

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Mark Fletcher

Yvonne Fovargue

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the outgoing Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

### 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Publication of written evidence

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

**All-Party Parliamentary Groups:**

Antisemitism Policy Trust [APG0037]

**Code of Conduct:**

Clerk of the House of Commons [COD0038]

### 3. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 9 November 2021

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Mark Fletcher

Yvonne Fovargue

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the outgoing Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Recent developments and future programme

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Code of Conduct

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 23 November 2021 at 9.45 am

# Tuesday 23 November 2021

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Mark Fletcher

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests and the outgoing Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Code of Conduct

Draft Report (Review of the Code of Conduct: proposals for consultation), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Fourth Report of the Committee, HC 270.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 9.45 am

## Tuesday 14 December 2021

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Mark Fletcher

Yvonne Fovargue

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.



The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Declaration of interests

Dr Arun Midha amended his declaration of interests (see Appendix).

Paul Thorogood amended his declaration of interests (see Appendix).

## 2. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Daniel Kawczynski

Daniel Kawczynski MP gave oral evidence in private.

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Judge-led review of standards processes

*Ordered,* That Rt Hon Sir Ernest Ryder be appointed as a legal adviser under the provisions of Standing Order No. 149(7)(c), to assist the Committee by reviewing whether the House's current system of investigating and deciding upon breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament is compatible with fairness and natural justice, and with Article 6 EHCR, and if appropriate to make recommendations or set out options for improvements to the system.

## 7. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The Committee considered this matter.

## 8. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

**Code of Conduct consultation:**

Harry Rich, Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists [CCC001]

Sir Charles Walker MP [CCC002]

Viscount Hailsham [CCC003]

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 11 January 2021 at 9.45 am.

## Tuesday 25 January 2022, morning sitting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Yvonne Fovargue

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct consultation:**

Committee on Standards in Public Life [CCC006]

### **Correspondence:**

Correspondence to the Speaker relating to digitisation of the Register dated 6 December 2021

Correspondence from the Speaker relating to digitisation of the Register dated 19 January 2022

## 3. Code of Conduct consultation

Lord Evans of Weardale, Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life, gave oral evidence.

Professor Paul Heywood, Professor of European Politics, University of Nottingham; Dr Jonathan Rose, Associate Professor of Politics and Research Methodology, De Montfort University; and Dr Hannah White, Deputy Director, Institute for Government, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 25 January 2022 at 1.45 pm.

## Tuesday 25 January 2022, afternoon sitting

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Jane Burgess

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans  
Yvonne Fovargue  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Code of Conduct consultation

Henry Dyer, Politics Reporter, Insider; Ethan Shone, Reporter, National World; and Esther Webber, Senior UK Correspondent, Politico, gave oral evidence.

Kate Green MP and Sir Desmond Swayne MP gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Wednesday 26 January 2022 at 9.45 am.

## Wednesday 26 January 2022

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Tammy Banks  
Jane Burgess  
Andy Carter  
Alberto Costa  
Rita Dexter  
Allan Dorans  
Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 2. Code of Conduct consultation

Richard Burgon MP, Jess Phillips MP and Sir Bill Wiggin MP gave oral evidence.

James Davies, Registrar of Members' Financial Interests; Helen Reid, Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; and Kathryn Stone, Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, gave oral evidence.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 8 February 2022 at 9.45 am.

# Tuesday 8 February 2022

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Tammy Banks  
Alberto Costa  
Allan Dorans  
Yvonne Fovargue  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

Alison Giles, Director of Security for Parliament, gave oral evidence in private.

## 4. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct consultation:**

Josephine Willows, Director, Independent Complaints and Grievance Service,  
House of Commons [CCC0009]

Dr Dan Poulter MP [CCC0007]

Wendy Chamberlain MP [CCC0008]

### **All-Party Parliamentary Groups:**

Name withheld [APG0042]

## 5. Code of Conduct consultation

The Committee considered this matter.

## 6. Individual case

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 9.45 am.

# Tuesday 1 March 2022

## Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Jane Burgess

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Allan Dorans

Yvonne Fovargue

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered*, that the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **All-Party Parliamentary Groups:**

Channel 4 [APG0043]

Open Democracy [APG0044]

Healthcomms Consultating [APG0045]

## 4. Digitisation of the Register of Members' Financial Interests

The Committee considered this matter.

## 5. Review of fairness and natural justice in the House's standards system

The Committee considered this matter.

Draft Report (Review of fairness and natural justice in the House's standards system), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Sixth Report of the Committee, HC 1183.

## 6. Code of Conduct consultation

The Committee considered this matter.

## 7. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

The Committee considered this matter.

## 8. Individual case

The Committee considered this matter.

## 9. Lay Members' Opinions

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Monday 7 March 2022 at 5.15 pm.

## **Monday 7 March 2022**

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa



Rita Dexter  
Yvonne Fovargue  
Mark Fletcher  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Dr Arun Midha  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered*, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

### 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

### 2. Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards update

The Committee considered this matter.

### 3. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Lord McFall of Alcluith, Lord Speaker, gave oral evidence in private.

### Adjournment

Adjourned till tomorrow at 9.45 am.

## Tuesday 15 March 2022

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair  
Tammy Banks  
Jane Burgess  
Andy Carter

Alberto Costa  
Allan Dorans  
Yvonne Fovargue  
Sir Bernard Jenkin  
Dr Michael Maguire  
Mehmuda Mian  
Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Digitisation of the Register

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct consultation:**

The Free Speech Union [CCC0011]

Mr Peter Spurrier [CCC0012]

John Baron MP [CCC0013]

Thangam Debbonaire MP (Shadow Leader of the House of Commons) [CC0014]

Anonymous [CCC0015]

Ben Worthy (Senior Lecturer at Birkbeck College); Cat Morgan (Research Associate at Birkbeck College); Michele Crepez (Vice Chancellor Illuminate Fellow in Political Science at Queen's University Belfast) [CCC0016]  
Craig Whittaker MP [CCC0017]  
Dr Jim McConalogue (CEO at Civitas) [CCC0018]  
Plaid Cymru [CCC0020]  
Anonymous [CCC0021]  
Aaron Bell MP [CCC0022]  
John Penrose MP (Government Anti-Corruption Champion) [CCC0023]  
David Davis MP [CCC0024]  
Valerie Vaz MP [CCC0025]  
Alex Burghart MP [CCC0026]  
The 1922 Committee [CCC0027]  
The 1922 Committee (supplementary evidence) [CCC0028]  
Compassion in Politics [CCC0029]  
Unlock Democracy [CCC0030]  
Amanda Solloway MP [CCC0031]  
HM Government [CCC0032]  
Sir William Cash MP [CCC0034]  
Electoral Commission [CCC0035]  
Peter Grant MP [CCC0037]  
More in Common [CCC0038]  
Transparency International UK [CCC0039]  
Lucy Allan MP [CCC0040]  
Henry Dyer (Politics Reporter at Insider) [CCC0041]  
Philip Dunne MP [CCC0042]  
Full Fact [CCC0043]  
Andrea Leadsom MP [CCC0044]  
Anonymous [CCC0045]  
Anonymous [CCC0046]  
Anonymous [CCC0047]  
Mark Francois MP [CCC0048]  
Jeremy Wright MP [CCC0049]  
Claire Simpson [CCC0050]  
Jean Charsley [CCC0051]  
Chris Grayling MP [CCC0052]  
Malcolm Ranson [CCC0053]  
Steve Baker MP [CCC0054]

Sir Bill Wiggin MP [CCC0055]

## 5. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

*Resolved,* That the Committee approves the proposals from the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests relating to ending the provision for virtual meetings of All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) and rescinding APPG Advice Note 7 (Coronavirus and APPGs).

*Ordered,* That the Chair write to Mr Speaker to inform him of the Committee's decision on meetings of APPGs, and that the letter be reported to the House for publication on the internet.

## 6. Code of Conduct consultation

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned till Tuesday 26 April 2022 at 9.45 am.

## Tuesday 26 April 2022

### Members present:

Chris Bryant, in the Chair

Tammy Banks

Andy Carter

Alberto Costa

Rita Dexter

Yvonne Fovargue

Sir Bernard Jenkin

Dr Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Dr Arun Midha

Paul Thorogood

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attend the meeting.

The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards attended accordingly.

The Senior Investigations and Complaints Manager, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Registrar of Members' Financial Interests also attended.

## 1. Informal minutes

The Committee considered this matter.

## 2. Recent developments

The Committee considered this matter.

## 3. Individual case

The Committee considered this matter.

## 4. Code of Conduct consultation

Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, Leader of the House of Commons, and Rt Hon Michael Ellis QC MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General, gave oral evidence.

## 5. Evidence reported for publication

*Ordered,* That the following written evidence be reported to the House for publication:

### **Code of Conduct consultation:**

Correspondence from the Leader of the House dated 21 April 2022 relating to the Government's response to Sir Ernest Ryder's review of fairness and natural justice in the House's standards system

## 6. All-Party Parliamentary Groups

Draft Report (All-Party Parliamentary Groups: improving governance and regulation), proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

The draft Report was agreed to; the Formal Minutes relating to the consideration of the Report are published with the Seventh Report of the Committee, HC 717.

## 7. Future meetings

The Committee considered this matter.

## Adjournment

Adjourned to a day and time to be fixed by the Chair.

## **Appendix: Declarations of interest by members of the Committee and specialist advisers**

### **(i) Elected members of the Committee**

#### **Yvonne Fovargue**

14 September 2021:

Member of USDAW who contribute to my constituency party

Member of Unite

Member of CO-OP party

Member of Mensa

Member of Labour Party

Chair APPG Debt and Personal Finance

Chair APPG Consumer Protection

Chair APPG Electrical safety

Office holder in other APPGs

Husband, Paul Kenny, is senior researcher in my constituency office

### **(ii) Lay members of the Committee**

#### **Mehmuda Mian**

6 July 2021:

Non-executive Director, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Associate Director, Lokahi Foundation

External member, EDI Committee, Independent Press Standards Organisation (IPSO)

Member, Advisory Committee, School of Law and Social Sciences, Royal Holloway University

Consultant, Cleveland Police

Previous roles:

Board Member, Independent Press Standards Organisation

Member, Disciplinary Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

**Dr Michael Maguire**

7 September 2021:

Member, Expert Advisory Committee for Yoo-rrook Justice Commission in Melbourne, Australia

**Dr Arun Midha**

14 December 2021:

Assistant Commissioner, Boundary Commission for Wales (remunerated)

Board Director and Trustee, Welsh National Opera (non-remunerated)

**Paul Thorogood**

14 December 2021:

Chair of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association