

Committee on Standards

Register of Interests of Members' Staff: Government Response

Second Special Report of Session 2024–25

HC 1176

Committee on Standards

The Committee on Standards is appointed by the House of Commons to oversee the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, except in relation to the conduct of individual cases under the Independent Complaints and Grievance Scheme; to examine the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Financial Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House; to review from time to time the form and content of those registers; to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests referred to it by the Commissioner; to consider any matter relating to the conduct of Members, including specific complaints in relation to alleged breaches in the Code of Conduct which have been drawn to the Committee's attention by the Commissioner; and to recommend any modifications to the Code of Conduct as may from time to time appear to be necessary.

Current membership

[Alberto Costa](#) (Conservative; South Leicestershire) (Chair)

[Paula Barker](#) (Labour; Liverpool Wavertree)

[Gill Furniss](#) (Labour; Sheffield Brightside and Hillsborough)

[Sir Francis Habgood](#) (Lay member)

[Prof Michael Maguire](#) (Lay member)

[Mehmuda Mian](#) (Lay member)

[Dr Rose Marie Parr](#) (Lay member)

[Anna Sabine](#) (Liberal Democrat; Frome and East Somerset)

[Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst](#) (Conservative; Solihull West and Shirley)

[Victoria Smith](#) (Lay member)

[Gareth Snell](#) (Labour; Stoke-on-Trent Central)

[Dr David Stirling](#) (Lay member)

[Michael Wheeler](#) (Labour; Worsley and Eccles)

[Carys Williams](#) (Lay member)

Powers

The constitution and powers of the Committee are set out in Standing Order No.149. In particular, the Committee has power to order the attendance of any Member of Parliament before the Committee and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries, or to the inquiries of the Commissioner, be laid before the Committee. The Committee has power to refuse to allow its public proceedings to be broadcast. The Law Officers, if they are Members of Parliament, may attend and take part in the Committee's proceedings, but may not vote.

Publication

This Report was Ordered by the House of Commons, on 8 July 2025, to be printed. It was published on 10 July 2025 by authority of the House of Commons. © Parliamentary Copyright House of Commons 2025.

This publication may be reproduced under the terms of the Open Parliament Licence, which is published at www.parliament.uk/copyright.

Committee reports are published on the Committee's website at www.parliament.uk/standards and in print by Order of the House.

Contacts

All correspondence should be addressed to the Clerk of the Committee on Standards, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. The telephone number for general enquiries is 020 7219 6615; the Committee's email address is standards@parliament.uk. You can follow the Committee on X (formerly Twitter) using [@HoCStandards](https://twitter.com/HoCStandards).

Second Special Report

The Committee on Standards published its Third Report of Session 2024–25, [Register of Interests of Members' Staff](#) (HC 943) on 12 June 2025. A letter from The Rt Hon Lucy Powell MP, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons was received on 26 June 2025 and is appended below.

Appendix: Letter from The Rt Hon Lucy Powell MP

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13th June regarding your Third Report of Session 2024–25 regarding the Register of Interests of Members' Staff.

I thank the Committee on Standards for its consideration of this issue and | am happy to support your proposal for a change to the requirements for Members' staff to register interests. With that in mind, I can confirm that | will bring forward the relevant motion to allow the House to consider this change in due course.