

Committee on Standards

Interim Report: Kevin Hollinrake

Third Report of Session 2026–27

HC 707

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.

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1 Influencing Code of Conduct Investigations

1. On 22 May 2026, Kevin Hollinrake MP wrote to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards about an ongoing investigation into the conduct of another Member of the House of Commons. Rule 14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament states that Members must not lobby the Commissioner in a manner calculated or intended to influence their consideration of whether a breach of the Code of Conduct has occurred, or in relation to the imposition of a sanction. The Commissioner cannot rectify cases in which he has been lobbied and so referred the case to the Committee on Standards.
2. We find that Mr Hollinrake did not lobby the Commissioner and therefore did not breach Rule 14.
3. We have chosen to publish this brief report to expedite Mr Hollinrake's case. We cannot publish a full report at this stage because the case about which he approached the Commissioner is ongoing and we do not wish to breach confidentiality in relation to it, or potentially affect its progress. We will publish our full findings on Mr Hollinrake and the Commissioner's memorandum in due course, once proceedings in the other case have concluded.
4. **RECOMMENDATION**
Since we find that Kevin Hollinrake MP did not breach Rule 14 of the Code of Conduct, no further action is required.

Formal minutes

Tuesday 13 October 2026

Members present:

Alberto Costa, in the Chair

James Asser

Paula Barker

Gill Furniss

Prof Michael Maguire

Mehmuda Mian

Sir Francis Habgood

Dr Rose Marie Parr

Anna Sabine

Dr Neil Shastri-Hurst

Gareth Snell

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Draft report (*Interim Report: Kevin Hollinrake*) proposed by the Chair, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 4 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report be the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

None of the lay members present wished to submit an opinion on the Report (Standing Order No. 149(8)).

Ordered, That the Chair make the Report to the House.

Adjournment

The Committee adjourned till Tuesday 27 October at 9.45 am.

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