



Procedure Committee

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From Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP, Chair

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Dear Sir Bernard

Thank you for your letter of 23 November relating to the attendance of Chairs' staff at private meetings of select committees, which the Procedure Committee considered at its meeting on 13 December.

The Committee was not persuaded that the proposals made by the previous Liaison Committee should be revived. Like our predecessor committee, we have reservations about the potential consequences of allowing individuals other than Members and those House staff assigned to support a committee to be present for any private meetings.

If there are specific examples of occasions on which the work of a committee has been inhibited by the absence of a member of the Chair's personal staff from a committee's private meetings then we would be willing to give the matter further consideration.

Yours sincerely

Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP