

Agenda – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:	For further information contact:
Video-conference via Zoom	Meriel Singleton
Meeting date: 8 December 2025	Committee Clerk
Meeting time: 09.15	0300 200 6565
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- 1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions**

- 2 Consultation – Revisions to the Code of Conduct for Members of the Senedd**
(09.15–09.35) (Pages 1 – 9)

- 3 Member accountability Bill**
(09.35–09.55) (Pages 10 – 14)

- 4 Declaration of Members' interests report**
09.55–10.15) (Pages 15 – 25)

- 5 Consider a report from the Commissioner for Standards in accordance with Standing Order 22.2(i)**
(10.15–10.20) (Pages 26 – 28)

- 6 Papers to note**
 - 6.1 Responses to the Introducing more independence and support into the complaints process in the Senedd consultation**
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 - 6.2 Letter from the First Minister**
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2 December 2025

Dear Hannah,

I am writing in response to your letter of 9 June in relation to this inquiry, asking if I was proposing to make any relevant changes to the Ministerial Code so that the Committee could take this into account in its deliberations. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

I have published a revised version of the Code, which the Committee can find here: [Ministerial code | GOV.WALES](#). I did consider the important issues which the Committee is considering as part of my deliberations on changes to the Code and I think that the Committee might find these to be relevant:

- I have moved the Nolan Principles from being in an annex and into the main body of the Code (section 1.2).
- I have made it more explicit that ministers must also adhere at all times to the Code of Conduct on the Standards of Conduct for Members of the Senedd. (section 1.6).
- I will be appointing an independent advisor on the Ministerial Code and one of their roles will be to be consulted by the First Minister on matters in relation to declarations of interest by ministers (section 1.9).
- I have put a deadline of four weeks from taking up post for ministers to provide the Permanent Secretary with their full list in writing of all interests which might be thought to give rise to a conflict (section 5.2).

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

- I have reduced the level of gifts given to ministers in their ministerial capacity which may be retained by them from the previous level of £320 to £140 (section 5.17).

I hope that this information is helpful to the Committee in conducting its inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eluned Morgan', written in a cursive style.

Eluned Morgan