

Concise Minutes – Standards of Conduct Committee

Meeting Venue:

Committee Room 4 – Tŷ Hywel

Meeting date: Tuesday, 7 November

2017

Meeting time: 09.30 – 10.11

Private

Attendance

Category	Names
Assembly Members:	Jayne Bryant AM (Chair) Gareth Bennett AM Paul Davies AM Llyr Gruffydd AM
Commissioner:	Sir Roderick Evans QC
Committee Staff:	Meriel Singleton (Second Clerk) Claire Griffiths (Deputy Clerk) Enrico Carpanini (Legal Adviser) Jonathan Thomas (Commissioner's Office)

1 Introductions, apologies, substitutions and declarations of interest

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed the Members to the Committee meeting.
- 1.2 There were no apologies.

2 Lobbying: Consideration of final report

- 2.1 Members considered the draft Chair's Forward to the report and noted that a final draft report will be circulated outside of Committee.



3 Assembly Reform

3.1 The Committee's Legal Adviser gave an oral briefing to supplement his paper on S36 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

3.2 The Commissioner for Standards gave his views on the relevant section and suggested that he speaks with the Director of Public Prosecution to ascertain if he feels the present arrangements are satisfactory. He also suggested that he revisits the Protocol between the National Assembly for Wales, the Commissioner for Standards, the Chief Constable of South Wales Police and the Crown Prosecution Service on the Investigation of Alleged Offences under Section 36(7) of GOWA.

3.2 The Committee asked the Commissioner for Standards to proceed as suggested and agreed to reconsider this issue once he has his findings.