

Eluned Morgan, First Minister

By email

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The Standards of Conduct Committee's inquiry into Individual Member Accountability: Donations

Dear Eluned,

The Standards of Conduct Committee ('the Committee') is currently undertaking an inquiry into Individual Member Accountability as well as the rules and practice around the registration and declaration of Members' interests.

As you'll be aware, the Committee has responsibility for supervising the arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests. Part of this responsibility is considering what information should be on the register and how it is made accessible.

Following the significant focus on donations around the election of the former First Minister, Vaughan Gething MS, the Committee agreed to undertake an inquiry into donations received by Members as part of its ongoing work. The former First Minister wrote to the Committee in May 2024 asking it to consider whether the rules and processes relating to political donations in the Senedd are robust, transparent and have the confidence of the public. The Committee is currently running a public consultation on the subject, which will run until 18 July 2025.

In line with this inquiry, the Committee is interested to know whether the Welsh Government intends to make any amendments to the Ministerial Code in relation to the receipt of gifts by Ministers, given the amendments made by the UK Government in November 2024 to its Ministerial Code on the acceptance of gifts and hospitality.

I would welcome an update on any review you may be undertaking in this area to help inform our work.

Thank you.

Yours,

Hannah Blyden



Hannah Blythyn MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.