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**National Assembly for Wales**  
Standards of Conduct Committee

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM  
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## **Review into Code of Conduct for Assembly Members: Dignity and Respect Policy**

Dear First Minister,

The Standards of Conduct Committee is currently considering the Code of Conduct for Assembly Members. This forms part of the commitment made in the [joint statement](#) on tackling inappropriate behaviour at the National Assembly for Wales issued on 15 November 2017. Through this work, questions have been raised regarding at which point the Ministerial Code and the Assembly Member's Code of Conduct is applicable to Ministers of the Government.

The Committee appreciates that the Ministerial code states: *(viii) Ministers must keep separate their roles as Minister and Assembly Member*, there does appear to be a perception of ambiguity regarding when a Minister is performing his/her duties as a Minister and when they are acting as an AM. Particularly as the two roles may not be necessarily be incompatible.

To ensure clarity, the Committee would welcome your views on the potential of an amendment to the Ministerial Code and/or Assembly Member Code of Conduct.

Yours Faithfully



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