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Dear Jayne,

Thank you for your letter of 7 March regarding the Standards of Conduct Committee's consideration of the Code of Conduct for Assembly Members.

I welcome the work the Committee has undertaken in this important area.

You will know that I take the obligations placed on myself and members of the Government by the Ministerial Code very seriously and the Code is explicit in this regard.

I expect the highest standards from Ministers, particularly when separating official and political duties and there have been many occasions when Ministers, or their Private Offices, have referred issues to my office for handling advice when they have identified a potential conflict of interest.

In light of the Committee's review, I shall be writing to Ministers to remind them of the need for a separation of roles.

If the Committee's aim is to make Assembly Member and Ministerial roles and activities more transparent and distinguishable you may wish to replicate the relevant extract from the Ministerial Code in the Code of Conduct for Assembly Members.

Yours sincerely

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