

Mr Shane McAteer
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23rd May 2024

Dear Shane,

Further to your letter dated 10th May 2024, in relation to the report from the Northern Ireland Assembly Commissioner for Standards, I am writing to you in your capacity as Clerk of the Standards and Privileges Committee to respond to matters raised within the report and connected with that time period.

At the outset, I am disappointed with the conclusions reached by the Commissioner and would again reiterate my position as set out during the investigation.

I welcome the fact that the Commissioner has completed her work. However, it is worth noting that the period during which the events being investigated took place were politically fractious and difficult. There was a collapse of confidence across some elements of our society and it is well understood that when sufficient political progress was secured leading to the re-establishment of the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive all parties would be able to fully participate in the democratic institutions to which we have been elected.

On that basis, as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, I am committed to discharging my duties in accordance with my obligations and to continue to work on behalf of my constituents as I have done since being first elected in 2007.

Yours sincerely,

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