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**Subject:** Fw: Correspondence from the Committee on Standards and Privileges Clerk

Dear Dr McCullough,

Thank you for advance sight of your report.

I would like to explore a couple of points with you.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December I emailed you (reproduced below) to clarify two points in relation to the transcript of my evidence. I do not believe that this will impact on any of the findings of the report but would it be possible – in the interests of transparency and full disclosure - to include my email in an appendix?

Secondly, I am mindful that this report will be published. I would therefore appreciate if Ms Bradshaw could be contacted and asked to substantiate her comments which you quote in paragraph 24 of the report:

"I just think that every week he comes and tries to find a way, whether it's transgenderism, whether it's **against the Catholic Church**, whether it's against..."

While I am a Protestant and obviously therefore theologically differ with the Roman Catholic Church, I believe there is a clear implication in Ms Bradshaw's comments that I am sectarian. I would like Ms Bradshaw to be asked to provide evidence from the Committee which shows that I am "against the Catholic Church".

Obviously, I have issues with much of what Ms Bradshaw said in her interview but frankly on reading it I am happy for people to draw their own conclusions. I am not, however, content for it to be implied that I am sectarian when there is not a scintilla of evidence to substantiate such a charge.

I would appreciate if this correspondence could be shared with the Committee and published along with the report.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy Gaston

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**Subject:** RE: Correspondence from the Committee on Standards and Privileges Clerk

Dear Mr Gaston

Further to your email below to the Commissioner and copied to me, I would like to provide some clarification on the process. The Commissioner has finalised her complaint report and it was sent to the Committee on Standards and Privileges to now consider and adjudicate on. As part of this adjudication process, the Committee forwarded you a copy of the report along with correspondence from the Committee Clerk on 20 January. As outlined in that correspondence, you now have the opportunity to comment and respond to the report if you wish. Any comments you make will then be considered by the Committee at a future meeting. You may also chose to appear before the Committee to present your comments in person if you wish (if you do wish to appear before the Committee, you should submit your comments on the report first).

Please advise if you have any comments that you wish to make to the Committee on the finalised report, and if you wish to appear before the Committee to speak further on your comments. The date for response is 3 February and your response should be sent to the Committee Clerk: [shane.mcateer@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:shane.mcateer@niassembly.gov.uk) and copied [committee.standardsprivileges@niassembly.gov.uk](mailto:committee.standardsprivileges@niassembly.gov.uk).

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Please let me know if you have any further queries at this stage.

Regards

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Dear Shane,

Please find below correspondence.

I would be obliged if you could draw the same to the attention of the Committee before they finalise their views on the report they've received regarding the complaint against myself.

I am particularly anxious to challenge Ms Bradshaw's insinuation that I am sectarian and would be obliged if the Committee would ask her to furnish evidence to substantiate this prior to the report's publication. In the event that she is unable to do so I would like the Committee to note the same.

Yours sincerely,

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