



## **COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND PRIVILEGES**

**MONDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**ROOM 21, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

Present: Mr Alastair Ross (Chairperson)  
Ms Anna Lo (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Steven Agnew  
Ms Paula Bradley  
Mr Colum Eastwood  
Mr Ian McCrea  
Mrs Sandra Overend

In Attendance: Mr Paul Gill (Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Hilary Cleland-Bogle (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Watson (Clerical Supervisor)

Apologies: None

*The meeting commenced at 12.18pm in closed session.*

### **Chairperson's Introduction**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the meeting should be held in closed session.

The Chairperson welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies**

As above.

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

The Chairperson reminded Members of their obligation to declare any relevant financial or other interests before and during each Committee meeting.

### **3. Draft minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were agreed by the Committee.

### **4. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **5.1 Draft Committee Report on a complaint against Mr Phil Flanagan MLA by Mr Jim Allister QC MLA**

Members noted that, as agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk had drafted a report for the Committee's consideration.

*Agreed:* Members discussed and agreed the draft report and ordered that the report be printed today.

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the complainant and the Member complained of informing them of the Committee's decision and forwarding an embargoed copy of the report to them.

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the Assembly Commissioner for Standards informing him of the Committee's decision.

#### **5.2 Draft Committee Report on a complaint against Mr Jimmy Spratt MLA by Mr Robin Swann MLA**

Members noted that, as agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk had drafted a report for the Committee's consideration.

*Agreed:* Members discussed and agreed the draft report, as amended, and ordered that the report be printed today.

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the complainant and the Member complained of informing them of the Committee's decision and forwarding an embargoed copy of the report to them.

*Agreed:* Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the Assembly Commissioner for Standards informing him of the Committee's decision.

**6. Any other business**

There was no other business.

**7. Time, date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 1.30pm in Room 21 (**lunch will be available from 1.15pm**).

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12.30pm.*

**Mr Alastair Ross MLA**

**Chairperson, Committee on Standards and Privileges**

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2013**