



## **COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS AND PRIVILEGES**

**WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**  
**ROOM 106, PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS**

- Present: Mr Alastair Ross (Chairperson)  
Ms Anna Lo (Deputy Chairperson)  
Mr Steven Agnew  
Mr Cathal Boylan  
Mr Colum Eastwood  
Mr Fra McCann  
Mrs Sandra Overend
- In Attendance: Mr Paul Gill (Assembly Clerk)  
Mrs Ashleigh Mitford (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Ms Hilary Cleland-Bogle (Assistant Assembly Clerk)  
Mr Jonathan Kerr (Clerical Officer)
- Apologies: Mr Declan McAleer  
Mr Mervyn Storey

### **Chairperson's Introduction**

*The meeting commenced at 1.30pm in closed session.*

The Chairperson welcomed Committee members to the meeting.

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies are above.

### **2. Draft minutes**

*Agreed:* The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed by the Committee. The Committee also agreed that they should not be published until such times as

the Committee had published its report on the investigation that was the main subject of the meeting.

### **3. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising

### **4. Declaration of Interests**

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

### **5. Review of the Code of Conduct**

Members noted a Clerk's paper, legal advice and a research paper in relation to the Committee's Review of the Code of Conduct.

Members were provided with legal advice on various issues in relation to the review of the Code of Conduct and this was followed by a question and answer session and Committee discussion.

*Agreed:* The Committee would write to OFMdfM in relation to the Ministerial Code of Conduct.

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed that the Clerk should prepare a draft version of the new Code of Conduct for its consideration, based on the Committee's comments on what the new Code should say.

The Committee discussed arrangements in relation to possible future visits in relation to the Review.

### **6. End of Session Report**

*Agreed:* The Committee agreed its 2013/2014 End of Session Report

3.05 pm Mr Boylan left the meeting

### **7. Correspondence**

Members noted the confidential correspondence of 12 September which had been issued.

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **9. Date, time and place of next meeting**

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Committee should take place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Room 106 at 1.30pm.

*The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.*

**Mr Alastair Ross MLA**

**Chairperson, Committee on Standards and Privileges**

**15<sup>th</sup> October 2014**