

STANDING ORDER 34 - Commissioner for Standards

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- 34.1 The Assembly is to appoint a person who is not an Assembly Member, a member of the staff of the Assembly, or a member of the staff of the Welsh Assembly Government to act as the Commissioner for Standards. The duties of the Commissioner shall be:
- i. to investigate factual matters arising out of any complaint against a Member;
 - ii. to advise the Committee on Standards of Conduct on any matters of general principle relating to the standards of conduct of Members;
 - iii. to advise the Committee on Standards of Conduct on any matters of general principle relating to the Registration of Members' Interests and the Recording of Membership of Societies; and
 - iv. otherwise render such assistance on matters relating to the standards of conduct of Members as the Assembly may from time to time decide.
- 34.2 Where the Commissioner for Standards is unable, for whatever reason, to investigate a complaint, the chair of the Committee on Standards of Conduct (or if he or she is unable to act another member of the Committee acting on his or her behalf) must table a motion proposing the temporary appointment of a person who is not an Assembly Member, a member of the staff of the Assembly, or a member of the staff of the Welsh Assembly Government, to investigate the complaint.
- 34.3 Time must be made available as soon as possible for such a motion to be debated; and in any event such a debate must take place within five working days of the motion having been tabled.
- 34.4 No amendment may be tabled to a motion under standing order 34.2.