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Dear Mick

Lobbying

Thank you for the constructive meeting on 1 May. Following receipt of a response from the Secretary of State for Wales, I thought that it was extremely useful to discuss the issues with you and Gerard Elias QC.

As agreed, I think it would be very useful if the Standards of Conduct Committee would undertake a review to consider the regime that we have in place as it relates to Members and, if necessary, make recommendations to me about any additional arrangements that might be needed to strengthen them. I will consider any recommendations in the context of other related issues such as arrangements for cross party groups and the need to protect the culture of the Assembly as an open and accessible institution. I think it would be useful if you could report by the autumn.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Gerard Elias QC, the Independent Standards Commissioner.

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