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The Committee on Standards and Privileges

The Committee on Standards and Privileges is appointed by the House of Commons to oversee the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; to examine the arrangements proposed by the Commissioner for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests and any other registers of interest established by the House; to review from time to time the form and content of those registers; to consider any specific complaints made in relation to the registering or declaring of interests referred to it by the Commissioner; to consider any matter relating to the conduct of Members, including specific complaints in relation to alleged breaches in the Code of Conduct which have been drawn to the Committee's attention by the Commissioner; and to recommend any modifications to the Code of Conduct as may from time to time appear to be necessary.

Current membership

Rt Hon Kevin Barron MP (*Labour, Rother Valley*)
Mr Andrew Dismore MP (*Labour, Hendon*)
Nick Harvey MP (*Liberal Democrat, North Devon*)
Rt Hon Greg Knight MP (*Conservative, East Yorkshire*)
Mr Elfyn Llwyd MP (*Plaid Cymru, Meirionnydd Nant Conwy*)
Mr Chris Mullin MP (*Labour, Sunderland South*)
Sir Malcolm Rifkind MP (*Kensington & Chelsea*)
The Hon Nicholas Soames MP (*Conservative, Mid Sussex*)
Mr Paddy Tipping MP (*Labour, Sherwood*)
Dr Alan Whitehead MP (*Labour, Southampton Test*)

Powers

The constitution and powers of the Committee are set out in Standing Order No. 149. In particular, the Committee has power to order the attendance of any Member of Parliament before the committee and to require that specific documents or records in the possession of a Member relating to its inquiries, or to the inquiries of the Commissioner, be laid before the Committee. The Committee has power to refuse to allow its public proceedings to be broadcast. The Law Officers, if they are Members of Parliament, may attend and take part in the Committee's proceedings, but may not vote.

Publications

The Reports and evidence of the Committee are published by The Stationery Office by Order of the House. All publications of the Committee (including press notices) are on the Internet at: www.parliament.uk/sandp.

Committee staff

The current staff of the Committee are Mr Steve Priestley, Miss Rhiannon Hollis (Second Clerk) and Ms Jane Cooper (Committee Assistant).

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Proceedings of the Committee

Tuesday 9 December 2008

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr David Curry
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Matter relating to privilege**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Section 59 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (commencement)**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 January 2009 at 9.45 am]

Tuesday 20 January 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr David Curry
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Jack Straw**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Mr Jack Straw**

Draft Report (Mr Jack Straw) proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 6 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 7 and 8 read, amended and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the First Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

4. **Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Peter Hain**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Mr Peter Hain**

Mr Elfyn Llwyd withdrew.

Draft Report (Mr Peter Hain), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 3 to 9 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 10 and 11 read, amended and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Second Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

6. **Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Derek Conway**

The Committee considered this matter.

7. **Section 59 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (commencement) and revised Guide to the Rules**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 January 2009 at 9.45 am

Tuesday 27 January 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr David Curry
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Mr Derek Conway**

Draft Report (Mr Derek Conway), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 3 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 4 to 15 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 16 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 17 to 19 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 20 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 21 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 22 read, amended and agreed to.

Annex read, amended and agreed to.

Two Papers were appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Third Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

3. **Dual Reporting and Revised Guide to the Rules**

Draft Report (Dual Reporting and Revised Guide to the Rules), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 10 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 11 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 12 to 35 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 36 read, amended and agreed to.

Annex agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Fourth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

4. **MEC Report on Members' Allowances**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 February 2009 at 9.45 am

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Gordon Brown**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Mr Gordon Brown**

Draft Report (Mr Gordon Brown), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 7 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 8 read, amended, divided and agreed to (now paragraphs 8 and 9).

Paragraph 9 read, amended and agreed to (now paragraph 10).

Paragraph 10 read and postponed.

Paragraph 11 read and agreed to.

Postponed paragraph 10 again read, and agreed to (now paragraph 12).

Paragraph 12 read and agreed to (now paragraph 13).

Paragraph 13 read, amended and agreed to (now paragraph 14).

A Paper was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Fifth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

4. **Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mrs Caroline Spelman**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 March at 9.45 am

Tuesday 3 March 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr David Curry
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Mrs Caroline Spelman**

Draft Report (Mrs Caroline Spelman), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 10 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 11 to 17 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 18 and 19 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 20 and 21 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 22 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 23 and 24 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 25 to 27 read, amended and agreed to.

Several Papers were appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Sixth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

3. **Committee on Members' Allowances**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 17 March at 9.45 am

Tuesday 17 March 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Confidentiality of Committee proceedings**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 March at 9.45 am

Tuesday 24 March 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Greg Knight

Mr Elfyn Llywd
Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Committee further considered this matter.

Mr Tom Smith, Parliamentary Researcher to Mr Adrian Sanders MP, gave oral evidence.

The witness withdrew.

Mr Adrian Sanders MP gave oral evidence.

The witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 31 March at 9.30 am

Tuesday 31 March 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Andrew Dismore
Mr Greg Knight
The Hon Nicholas Soames

Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Parliamentary Commissioner and the Electoral Commission

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 28 April at 9.30 am

Tuesday 28 April 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping

Mr Greg Knight

Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Implications for the standards and registration regimes of the Government's proposals on Parliamentary allowances and Members' interests**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Review of the Code of Conduct**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 12 May at 9.30 am

Tuesday 12 May 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey

Mr Elfyn Llywd
Mr Chris Mullin
Mr Paddy Tipping

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Inquiry by the Committee on Standards in Public Life into Members' Allowances**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Revised Guide to the Rules**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Registration of All-Party Groups (APGs)**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee**

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 May at 9.30 am

Tuesday 19 May 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Mr Greg Knight
Mr Elfyn Llywd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Requests by Members to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for investigations

Ordered, That the Commissioner have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at Mr Elliot Morley's request, allegations relating to Mr Morley's claims against his Additional Costs Allowance.—(*The Chairman.*)

Ordered, That the Commissioner have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at Mr David Chaytor's request, allegations relating to Mr Morley's claims against his Additional Costs Allowance.—(*The Chairman.*)

2. Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee

The Committee further considered this matter.

Mr Stephen Lotinga, Liberal Democrats Whips' Office, House of Commons, gave oral evidence

The witness withdrew.

Mr Don Foster MP gave evidence

The witness withdrew.

Mr Tom Smith, Parliamentary Researcher to Mr Adrian Sanders MP, gave further oral evidence.

The witness withdrew.

Mr Adrian Sanders MP gave further oral evidence.

The witness withdrew.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 19 May at 6 pm

Tuesday 19 May 2009

EVENING SITTING

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Nick Harvey
Mr Greg Knight
Mr Elfyn Llywd

Mr Chris Mullin
The Hon Nicholas Soames
Dr Alan Whitehead

1. Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee

Draft Report (Unauthorised Disclosure of Heads of Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1–88 read, amended and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Seventh Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 2 June at 9.30 am

Tuesday 2 June 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Mr Nick Harvey

Mr Elfyn Llywd
Mr Chris Mullin
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Request by Mrs Margaret Moran to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for an investigation

Ordered, That the Commissioner have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at Mrs Moran's request, allegations relating to her claims against her Additional Costs Allowance.—(*The Chairman.*)

3. Request by Members to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for an investigation

Ordered, That the Commissioner have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at their request, allegations relating to payments made to Members with homes in Dolphin Square.

4. Evidence to the Committee on Standards in Public Life

The Committee considered this matter.

5. Revised Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 June at 9.30 am

Tuesday 16 June 2009

Members present:
Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Nick Harvey
Mr Greg Knight
Mr Elfyn Llywd

Mr Chris Mullin
Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Annual Report for 2008–09 of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Proposal for a Parliamentary Standards Authority**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The Code of Conduct together with the Guide to the Rules relating to the conduct of Members**

Ordered, That the Code of Conduct together with the Guide to the Rules relating to the conduct of Members be published.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 30 June at 9.30 am

Tuesday 30 June 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman*.)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Complaint against Mr George Osborne**

Ordered, That the Commissioner have leave to investigate matters going back more than seven years in relation to a complaint against Mr George Osborne.—(*The Chairman*.)

3. **Guidance for Members on the Rules relating to the Code of Conduct**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **The Parliamentary Standards Bill**

The Committee considered this matter.

5. **The Committee on Standards in Public Life inquiry into MPs' expenses**

The Committee further considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 16 July at 9.30 am

Tuesday 14 July 2009

Members present:

Sir George Young, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Greg Knight

Mr Chris Mullin
Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Request to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards by Mr Alan Duncan for an investigation

Ordered, That the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at Mr Duncan’s request, allegations relating to his claims against his Additional Costs Allowance, including matters going back more than seven years.—(*The Chairman.*)

3. Rules relating to Members’ Financial Interests

The Committee considered this matter.

4. Parliamentary Standards Bill

The Committee further considered this matter.

5. All-Party Groups

Draft Report (All-Party Groups), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman’s draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 20 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 21 to 32 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 33 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 34 to 43 read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Eighth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 September at 10.30 am

Tuesday 22 September 2009

MORNING SITTING

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Mr Greg Knight

Mr Chris Mullin
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Kevin Barron was called to the Chair.

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*Mr Barron.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Jacqui Smith

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 22 September at 3.30pm

Tuesday 22 September 2009

AFTERNOON SITTING

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron	Mr Chris Mullin
Mr Andrew Dismore	Mr Paddy Tipping
Mr Greg Knight	Dr Alan Whitehead

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr Kevin Barron was called to the Chair.

1. **Jacqui Smith**

Draft Report (Jacqui Smith), proposed by Mr Barron, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 9 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 10 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 11 to 19 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 20 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 21 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 22 and 23 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 24 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 25 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 26 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 27 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 28 to 30 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 31 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraph 32 read and agreed to.

Paragraphs 33 to 36 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 37 to 45 read and agreed to.

Two Papers were appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Ninth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That Mr Barron make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 20 October at 3.00 pm

Tuesday 20 October 2009

Members present:

Mr Kevin Barron	Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr David Curry	Mr Chris Mullin
Mr Andrew Dismore	Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Nick Harvey	Mr Paddy Tipping
Mr Greg Knight	Dr Alan Whitehead

Mr David Curry was called to the chair.

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards

The Committee considered this matter.

2. Investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards into allegations concerning Mrs Margaret Moran

The Committee considered this matter.

3. Request by Mr David Wilshire to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for an investigation

Ordered, That, the Commissioner have leave, if he think fit, to investigate, at Mr Wilshire's request, allegations relating to claims for office expenses.

4. Memorandum submitted by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Tony McNulty

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 27 October at 9.30 am

Tuesday 27 October 2009

Members present:

Mr David Curry, in the Chair

Mr Andrew Dismore

Nick Harvey

Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Greg Knight

Mr Chris Mullin

Mr Paddy Tipping

Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. Mr Tony McNulty

Draft Report (Mr Tony McNulty), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraphs 1 to 19 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 20 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 21 and 22 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 23 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 24 to 27 read and agreed to.

A paragraph—(*Mr Dismore*)—brought up, read the first and second time, amended and inserted (now paragraph 28).

Paragraphs 28 to 30 (now paragraphs 29 to 31) read, amended and agreed to.

Several Papers were appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Tenth Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 3 November at 9.30 am

Tuesday 3 November 2009

Members present:

Mr David Curry, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Elfyn Llwyd

Mr Chris Mullin
Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Mr Paddy Tipping
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Unauthorised disclosure of the Committee's private deliberations**

Ordered, That the Chairman inquire into the unauthorised disclosure of the deliberations of the Committee on 27 October 2009.—(*The Chairman.*)

2. **Oral report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards**

The Committee considered this matter.

3. **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on Mr Alan Duncan**

The Committee considered this matter.

4. **Mr Alan Duncan**

Draft Report (Mr Alan Duncan), proposed by the Chairman, brought up and read.

Ordered, That the Chairman's draft Report be read a second time, paragraph by paragraph.

Paragraph 1 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 2 and 3 read and agreed to.

Paragraph 4 read, amended and agreed to.

Paragraphs 5 to 11 read and agreed to.

A Paper was appended to the Report.

Resolved, That the Report, as amended, be the Eleventh Report of the Committee to the House.

Ordered, That the Chairman make the Report to the House.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 10 November at 9.30 am

Tuesday 10 November 2009

Members present:

Mr David Curry, in the Chair

Mr Kevin Barron
Mr Andrew Dismore
Nick Harvey
Mr Greg Knight

Mr Elfyn Llwyd
Mr Chris Mullin
Hon Mr Nicholas Soames
Dr Alan Whitehead

Ordered, That, pursuant to Standing Order No. 150, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards do attend the meeting.—(*The Chairman.*)

The Commissioner attended accordingly.

1. **Inquiry into unauthorised disclosure of the Committee's private deliberations**

The Committee considered this matter.

2. **Matters arising from the Twelfth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life**

The Committee considered this matter.

[Adjourned till Tuesday 24 November at 9.30 am]
