WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE BY DEPUTY M.R. SCOTT OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th MARCH 2025

Question

"Will the Chair advise when the Commissioner for Standards' recommendations for revisions to the Members' Code of Conduct and the results of its survey of Members are to be published by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, and when the revised Code of Conduct is to be brought forward by the Committee; and advise the reason for the delay in progressing the Commissioner's proposed revisions in light of the matters of concern they are intended to address?"

Answer

PPC has approved a revised draft of the Code of Conduct which will provide Members with greater clarity in relation to the behaviours expected of them both as public representatives and colleagues.

In conjunction with the revised Code and the responses from the consultation, the Committee will also be publishing guidance notes to provide Members and the public with explanations and examples so that interpretation of the Code is clearer. These notes are currently being drafted by the Greffier and Commissioner for Standards, although they will be a 'live' document which can be updated to reflect relevant examples as they arise.

The Committee anticipates that the revised Code and associated guidance notes will be lodged for debate in May or June. The Committee will be arranging training for Members, led by the Commissioner, that same month.

The Committee notes that the Deputy has suggested that the revisions will be those of the Commissioner – this is not the case. Members should not forget that this is <u>our</u> Code. Following the consultation which took place last year, the revised Code reflects the feedback received from Members as well as the Commissioner and it also takes inspiration from the Codes of other jurisdictions. This is not work which should be rushed through – these are very significant rules which help enhance the reputational standing of this Assembly and us all individually as Members.