



Connétable Shenton Stone
Chair, Privileges and Procedures Committee

BY EMAIL

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Social Media Comments and Website Clarification

Dear Connétable Shenton Stone,

The Scrutiny Liaison Committee (the Committee) recently met and discussed social media posts and the impact these can have on scrutiny.

We are aware of situations where negative comments have been posted to posts on social media made by Scrutiny which have remained in place with no immediate action being taken. This has resulted in members feeling exposed and defenceless with no recourse and the Committee believe this current system is open to abuse. We understand that the Privileges and Procedures Committee (PPC) is currently reviewing the social media policy and we would like to request both that we are consulted and that, in the interim, there is an immediate halt to any comments being enabled on all social media posts relating to Scrutiny work.

We would also like to bring to your attention the ongoing issues we have discussed regarding the website in that propositions, reports etc presented in an official capacity (Assistant Minister, Scrutiny Chair, Public Committee Chair) should be attributed to the respective member's individual record of activity. Currently, this is not the case and any documents that are lodged, fall under the umbrella of the relevant Panel or Committee. Could we have some guidance on the process by which feedback from members is being triaged and suggestions adopted/rejected.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Inna Gardiner
President, Scrutiny Liaison Committee