

# Amending Standing Orders: Standing Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5 in relation to the Registration of Members' Interests

March 2026

In accordance with Standing Order 11.7(iv), the Business Committee is responsible for making recommendations on the general practice and procedures of the Senedd, including any proposals for the re-making or revision of Standing Orders.

This report recommends amendments to Standing Orders 2, 3 and 4, and the introduction of a new Standing Order 5A, in relation to the Registration of Members' Interests.

If agreed, the proposed changes will come into effect at the beginning of the Seventh Senedd.

The Senedd is invited to approve the proposals to revise Standing Orders as outlined in Annex A. The amended Standing Orders, if approved, are at Annex B.

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# 1. Background

## Registration and Declaration of interests

1. Section 36 of the Government of Wales Act 2006<sup>1</sup> (“the Act”) requires the Senedd’s Standing Orders to include provision for a register of Members’ interests and for that register to be published and made available to the public. The specific requirements for the registration and notification of Members’ interests are set out in Standing Orders 2, 3, 4 and 5<sup>2</sup>. The Standing Order requirements are supplemented by the ‘Guidance on the Registration and Declaration of Members’ Financial and Other Interests’ (“the Guidance”)<sup>3</sup>, which is approved by resolution of the Senedd in Plenary. Failure by a Member of the Senedd to correctly register interests under Standing Order 2 is potentially a criminal offence under Section 36(7) of the Act.

2. In accordance with Standing Order 22.2, the Standards of Conduct Committee (“the Standards Committee”) must “supervise the arrangements for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members’ Interests, the Record of the Employment of Family Members with the Support of Commission Funds, the Record of Members’ Time Involved in Registrable Activities and the Record of Membership of Societies and the form and content of the Register and the Records”. Under this remit, the Committee has responsibility for preparing and maintaining the Guidance.

## Standards of Conduct Committee inquiry

3. The Standards Committee agreed to review whether the arrangements for the registration and declaration of interests remain fit for purpose across Senedd business, in advance of the number of Senedd Members increasing to 96. It ran a consultation in the spring of 2023<sup>4</sup> and agreed to address the registration of Members’ interests first.

4. The Standards Committee developed comparisons with practice in other UK parliaments, shared proposals for change with key stakeholders and held

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<sup>1</sup> [Government of Wales Act 2006](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Standing Orders of the Welsh Parliament](#), January 2026

<sup>3</sup> [Guidance for Members of the Senedd on the registration, declaration and recording of financial and other interests](#), January 2024, Senedd Cymru

<sup>4</sup> [Consultation page for the Inquiry into the Registration and Declaration of Interests](#), Senedd Cymru

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drop-in sessions with Members. Following this it developed and agreed detailed proposals which it again consulted on with key stakeholders.

5. The Standards Committee agreed a number of recommendations to change rules around registering interests, which are outlined in its report, *Inquiry into Registration and Declaration of Interests: Registration of Interests*,<sup>5</sup> published on 15 July 2025. The Standards Committee wrote to the Business Committee on 16 July 2025 to highlight the Standing Order changes that it had recommended as part of its review.

6. The Business Committee considered the recommendations made to it regarding proposed changes to Standing Orders in its meetings on 18 September and 9 October 2025, and agreed in principle to those recommendations.

## Process

7. In accordance with its responsibility for proposing changes to Standing Orders under Standing Order 33.2, the Business Committee has agreed to propose the resulting amendments to Standing Orders outlined in this report for the agreement of the Senedd in Plenary. Associated changes to the Guidance will need to be tabled by the Standards of Conduct Committee for agreement by Senedd resolution in Plenary, while the Presiding Officer will need to approve the resultant changes to the prescribed form.

## 2. Proposals for changes to Standing Orders

8. Proposed changes to Standing Orders for Members' Interests (the annex to Standing Order 2; Standing Orders 3 and 4; and a new Standing Order 5A) are tracked at Annex A, while a clean version of the proposed new Standing Orders are found at Annex B.

### Clarifying categories of registrable remuneration

9. The proposed amendments to the categories in the annex to Standing Order 2 implements recommendation 1 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommended that categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Register should be

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<sup>5</sup> *Inquiry into Registration and Declaration of Interests: Registration of Interests*, Standards of Conduct Committee, Senedd Cymru, July 2025

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merged into one broad category used to capture all forms of Members' remunerated employment, while retaining the current level of information required.

10. The Senedd currently has four categories under which Members are required to register various forms of remunerated employment:

- Category 1: Directorships
- Category 2: Remunerated employment, office, profession etc
- Category 3: The names of clients (services)
- Category 5: Contracts with the Senedd Commission or Welsh Government

11. In its report, the Standards Committee indicated that the House of Commons, the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly all have one broad category for recording remuneration.

12. The Standards Committee also noted that:

- nothing has been registered under **category 3** in the Sixth Senedd and only two Members used it in the Fourth and Fifth Senedd; and
- only two Members have registered interests under **category 5** in the Sixth Senedd and three in the Fifth Senedd.

13. The Senedd Commissioner for Standards ("the Commissioner") expressed support for the Standards Committee's proposal to merge categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Register. No respondents to the targeted consultation objected to this proposal.

14. Merging categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 will not affect the information that Members will be required to provide, as the core elements of the removed categories will be retained. This should help to simplify the registration process and make the requirements clearer.

15. The amendments also clarify that the 'except for membership of the Senedd' exception only applies to the Member and not to their partner or dependent child.

16. The Business Committee considered the Standards Committee's recommendation and agreed to propose that categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the annex to Standing Order 2 should be merged into one broad category used to capture all forms of Members' remunerated employment, while retaining the current level of information required.

## Registering the amount of remuneration received

17. The proposed amendments to the annex to Standing Order 2 also implement recommendation 2 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommends that Standing Order 2 be amended to require Members to register the amount of remuneration that they have received, or expect to receive, for each registrable activity.

18. In its report, the Standards Committee indicates that all other UK legislatures, with the exception of the House of Lords, require Members to provide this information. The Senedd's rules do not currently require this information to be registered.

19. The Business Committee considered the Standards Committee's recommendation and agreed to propose that Standing Order 2 be amended to require Members to register the amount of remuneration that they have received, or expect to receive, for each registrable activity.

## Redundant references to employment of own family members

20. Amendments to Standing Orders 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 implement recommendation 10, which recommends the removal of references to employing members of a Member's own family.

21. Standing Order 3 currently requires that a Member must make a notification if they employ (either directly or indirectly) a family member, or a family member of another Member, using Senedd Commission funds.

22. The 2025-26 Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances<sup>6</sup>, removed the provision for Members to employ their own family members with Commission funds from the start of the Seventh Senedd. Members will still be able to employ family members of other Members. If they do so, they must make a notification under Standing Order 3. The Standards Committee has therefore recommended

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<sup>6</sup> [Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances](#), Remuneration Board, March 2025

that Standing Order 3.1 is amended from the start of the Seventh Senedd to reflect these changes.

23. The Business Committee considered the Standards Committee's recommendation and agreed to propose that references to employing members of a Member's own family are removed from Standing Order 3.

### **Provision and publication of names of family members employed by other Members**

24. The proposed amendment to Standing Order 3.7 implements recommendation 11, which recommends that an exception should be made for publishing the name of family members where they are employed by other Members. Standing Order 3.7 requires the Presiding Officer to maintain and publish a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 3. The Standards Committee recommended that the requirement be adjusted so that the names of family members who are employed by other Members are not published.

25. Standing Order 3.2 defines 'family members' as a partner, child or grand-child, parent or grand-parent, brother or sister, nephew or niece, or uncle or aunt of a Member or a Member's partner, and includes step-, half-, foster- and adoptive relationships. Standing Order 3.2 requires Members to provide specific information, which is then required to be published under Standing Order 3.7, including the full name of the employee and the relationship of the employee to the Member.

26. In response to the Standards Committee's initial consultation, the Commissioner and the Labour Group both expressed the view that the requirement to provide the full name of a family member employed by a other Members with the support of Commission funds, should be removed on the grounds of safety and privacy.

27. The Standards Committee considered these representations, and its second consultation included a proposal that either the requirement to provide the name be removed, or that the name be provided but not published. In response, the Commissioner proposed that the name should be provided to the Registrar but not published in the register, and that it could be made available to the Commissioner upon request, without the need for a Notice to Produce under

section 12 of the National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009<sup>7</sup>.

28. The Standards Committee agreed with the Commissioner's proposal, and recommended to the Business Committee that Standing Order 3.7 be amended so that the name of the family member is required to be provided to the Registrar, but is not required to be published in the register.

29. The Business Committee considered with the Standards Committee's recommendation, and agreed to propose that the requirement to publish a record of notifications made by Members under Standing Order 3 should be adjusted so that the names of family members who are employed by other Members are not published

### **Recording of time involved in one-off registrable activities**

30. The proposed amendments to Standing Order 4 implement recommendation 12 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommends that Standing Order 4 is amended to enable the recording of time involved in a one-off registrable activity.

31. Interests under the current categories 1 and 2 in the annex to Standing Order 2 are considered to be 'registrable activities' for the purposes of Standing Order 4. Therefore, Members must also make a notification under Standing Order 4 at the same time as a registration under category 1 or 2, stating how many hours per week the Member devotes on average to each registerable activity.

32. The Standards Committee noted that the bands under Standing Order 4.3 (less than 5 hours per week; between 5 and 20 hours per week; more than 20 hours per week) are not easily applied to one-off pieces of work where a weekly average is neither appropriate, accurate, nor transparent.

33. The proposed changes will enable Members who have been involved in a one-off registrable activity to record the time spent on that specific activity, rather than only being able to indicate a band that signifies the amount of time spent on an activity per week.

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<sup>7</sup> [National Assembly for Wales Commissioner for Standards Measure 2009](#)

**34.** The Business Committee considered the Standards Committee's recommendation, and agreed to propose that Standing Order 4 is amended to enable the recording of time involved in a one-off registrable activity.

### **Voluntary registration of other interests**

**35.** The introduction of a new Standing Order 5A implements recommendation 13 of the Standards Committee's report, which recommends the introduction of a new voluntary category for the purpose of enabling Members to record any financial or other interests that they wish to put in the public domain, but which are not captured by any of the compulsory categories under Standing Order 2.

**36.** Many of the other parliaments in the UK have either a 'miscellaneous' or 'voluntary' category:

- the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Northern Ireland Assembly have 'miscellaneous' categories under which Members must register remunerated activity that does not fall clearly into any other category;
- the Scottish Parliament has a 'voluntary' category where Members may, if they wish, register financial or other interests which fall outside the compulsory categories, or which do not meet the thresholds for mandatory registration under those categories.

**37.** In the Standards Committee's report it was noted that, in the context of category 10 (paid or unpaid membership or chairmanship of any body funded by the Senedd Commission or the Welsh Government) and Standing Order 5 (recording of membership of societies), there are many examples of Senedd Members registering or recording memberships of organisations that are not intended to be captured by those requirements. There are also many examples of Members registering interests such as gifts and hospitality which do not meet the threshold of value that would make their registration compulsory.

**38.** The Standards Committee noted that introducing a 'miscellaneous' category under Standing Order 2, as a new category on the same footing as the others, would make the registration of such interests subject to the same statutory and Standing Order requirements as the existing categories. That would include a requirement to declare those interests and potentially not vote on relevant proceedings, the enforcing of the maximum four-week period for registering such interests, and the fact that failure to register such an interest

would constitute a criminal offence. The Standards Committee considered that applying such stipulations to what will inevitably be a more open-ended category of interests than those which currently exist, would introduce unnecessary risks.

**39.** The Standards Committee therefore decided to recommend that the Senedd introduces a 'voluntary' category that would stand apart from the categories stipulated in Standing Order 2. This would enable Members to put any financial or other interests that fall outside the requirements of Standing Order 2 in the public domain on a voluntary basis.

**40.** Such interests could include financial interests that do not fall under any of the compulsory categories, or which fall below any thresholds that would require registration, or interests held by family members other than partners or dependent children. It would also provide an appropriate place to record the membership of societies or other bodies that do not fall under the requirements of Category 10 or Standing Order 5, and gifts or hospitality offered but declined.

**41.** In order to mitigate any risk of confusion that could emanate from including the voluntary category under Standing Order 2, which otherwise contains mandatory requirements, it is proposed that a new standalone category is created under its own Standing Order. This new Standing Order 5A would allow for the voluntary recording of miscellaneous interests. There will be no maximum time period for recording such interests, and as doing so would be voluntary, there will be no sanction for not registering such interests.

**42.** The Business Committee considered with the Standards Committee's recommendation and agreed to propose the introduction of a new Standing Order 5A, which would provide for a voluntary category to enable Members to record any financial or other interests that they wish to put in the public domain, but which are not captured by any of the compulsory categories under Standing Order 2.

### 3. Decision

**43.** On 26 November 2025, the Business Committee formally agreed to propose the changes to Standing Orders outlined in this report and at Annex A. The Senedd is invited to approve the proposed new Standing Order in Annex B.

**44.** If agreed, the proposed changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next Senedd in May 2026

## Annex A: Proposed change to Standing Orders and explanatory notes

STANDING ORDER 2 – Financial and Other Interests of Members: Annex	
The Registrable Interests	Retain heading
5. The registrable interests are:  (i) <u>directorships, employment, office, trade, profession or vocation (apart from, in the case of the Member, membership of the Senedd), for which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner, is remunerated or in which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, has any pecuniary interest; including:</u>  a) <u>in the case of the Member only, the amount of remuneration received, or expected to be received, for each registrable activity;</u>  b) <u>the names of clients where the interest includes services which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Senedd; and</u>	<b>Amend Standing Order</b>  The proposed changes merge categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Register, listed in the Annex to Standing Order 2, into one broad category used to capture all forms of Members' remunerated employment, which retaining the current level of information required.  As well as retaining all existing requirements by retaining the core elements of the removed categories in a) and b) the proposed changes also place a new requirement on Members to register the amount of remuneration received, or expected to be received, for each registrable activity.  It is also proposed to take the opportunity to clarify that the 'except for membership of the Senedd' exception applies only to the Member and not to their partner or dependent child.

<p><u>c) whether the interest involves any public or private company or other body which has tendered for, is tendering for, or has a contract with, the Commission or the Welsh Government.</u></p> <p><del>(i) remunerated directorships held by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, in public and private companies including directorships which are individually unremunerated but where remuneration is paid through another company in the same group;</del></p> <p><del>(ii) employment, office, trade, profession or vocation (apart from membership of the Senedd) for which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner, is remunerated, or in which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member over the age of sixteen, has any pecuniary interest, including the receipt of any public funds;</del></p> <p><del>(iii) the names of clients when the interests referred to in paragraphs 0 and 0 above include services by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's</del></p>	<p>Other changes proposed for consistency of terminology within Standing Orders.</p>
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<p><del>partner or any dependent child of the Member over the age of sixteen, which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, his or her membership of the Senedd;</del></p> <p><del>(iv)(ii)</del> gifts, hospitality, material benefits or advantage above a value specified in any resolution of the Senedd received by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, from any company, organisation or person which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Senedd;</p> <p><del>(v)</del> any remuneration or other material benefit which a Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, receives from any public or private company or other body which, to the Member's knowledge, has tendered for, is tendering for, or has, a contract with the Senedd Commission or the Welsh Government;</p> <p><del>(vi)(iii)</del> financial sponsorship (a) as a candidate for election to the Senedd, where to the knowledge of the Member the sponsorship in any case exceeds 25 per cent of the candidate's election expenses, or (b) as a Member of the Senedd by any person or organisation. In registering such an interest,</p>	
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<p>a Member must state whether any such sponsorship includes any payment to the Member or any material benefit or advantage;</p> <p><del>(vii)</del> <u>(iv)</u> subject to any resolution of the Senedd, overseas visits made by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Senedd where the cost of any such visit has not been wholly borne by the Member or from funds provided by the Senedd or by <u>the UK</u> Parliament or by any organisation of which the Senedd is a member;</p> <p><del>(viii)</del> <u>(v)</u> any land and property of the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which has a substantial value as specified in any resolution of the Senedd or from which a substantial income is derived other than any home used for the personal residential purposes of the Member, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member;</p> <p><del>(viii)</del> <u>(vi)</u> the names of companies or other bodies in which the Member has, either alone or with or on behalf of the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, a beneficial interest, or in which, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or a</p>	
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<p>dependent child of the Member has a beneficial interest, in shareholdings of a market value greater than one per cent of the issued share capital, or less than one per cent but more than an amount specified in any resolution of the Senedd;</p> <p>(ix) (vii) paid or unpaid membership or chairmanship by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, of any body funded in whole or in part out of funds provided by the <del>Senedd</del> Commission or the Welsh Government, where the Member knows, or ought to have known, of the <del>Senedd</del> Commission or Welsh Government funding.</p>	
<p><b>STANDING ORDER 3 – Recording the employment of family members <u>of other Members</u> with the support of Commission funds</b></p>	
<p>3.1. A Member who at any time, with the support of Commission funds, employs, either directly or indirectly, a person whom that Member knows to be a family member <del>of that Member</del> or of another Member must, no later than the date specified in Standing Order 3, make a notification under Standing Order 3.4.</p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b></p> <p>The proposed change removes the reference to employing a Member's own family member. This change reflects the removal by the 2019-20 Determination on Members' Pay and Allowances of the provision for Members to employ their own family members with Commission funds from the start of the Seventh Senedd.</p>

<p>3.2. In Standing Order 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) “family member” means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a partner of a Member;</li> <li>(b) a child or grand-child of a Member;</li> <li>(c) a parent or grand-parent of a Member;</li> <li>(d) a brother or sister of a Member;</li> <li>(e) a nephew or niece of a Member; or</li> <li>(f) an uncle or aunt of a Member;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) “partner” means a spouse, civil partner or one of a couple whether of the same sex or of the opposite sex who although not married to each other are living together and treat each other as spouses;</li> <li>(iii) the expressions “child”, “grand-child”, “parent”, “grand-parent”, “brother”, “sister”, “uncle” and “aunt” apply equally to half-, step-, foster- and adoptive relationships and also apply to persons having the relationship in question to the partner of the Member;</li> <li>(iv) “Commission funds” means amounts paid by the Commission by way of allowances under sections 20, 21 or 53 of the Act.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b></p> <p>Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p>3.3 The notification required by Standing Order 3 must include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) <del>the employing Member's name;</del> <i>[Standing Order removed by resolution in Plenary on xx]</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b></p> <p>The proposed changes reflect the proposed removal of references to employing a Member's own family member in Standing Order 3.1.</p>

<p>(ii) <del>if the employee is a family member of another Member or Members, the name of that other Member or of those other Members</del> <u>the Member or Members of whom the employee is a family member;</u></p> <p>(iii) the full name of the employee;</p> <p>(iv) <del>the relationship of the employee to the Member (or, where appropriate, to the Member or Members referred to in (ii));</del></p> <p>(v) the capacity in which the employee is employed, including any job title;</p> <p>(vi) the date on which the employment commenced;</p> <p>(vii) if the employment has ceased, the date on which it ceased; and</p> <p>(viii) the hours which the employee is contracted to work each week.</p>	
<p>3.4. Notification must be made:</p> <p>(i) within eight weeks of the date on which the Member takes the oath or affirmation of allegiance; or</p> <p>(ii) within four weeks of:</p> <p>(a) the first occasion on which the family member receives a payment with the support of Commission funds;</p> <p>(b) the date on which the employee becomes a family member <del>of that Member or of another Member;</del> or</p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b></p> <p>The proposed changes remove references to the employment of a Member's own family member to reflect the proposed changes to Standing Order 3.1.</p>

<p>(c) the date when the Member first becomes aware of the fact that the employee is a family member of <del>that Member</del> or of another Member, whichever is the later.</p>	
<p>3.5. If:                  (i) notification has been given under Standing Order 3; and                  (ii) there has been any change to the information which was included in that notification, the Member must, within four weeks of the date on which that change took place, make notification of that change.</p>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b>                  Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p>3.6. Notification under Standing Order 3.1 or under Standing Order 3.5 must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose and delivering it to the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b>                  Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p>3.7. The Presiding Officer must maintain a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 3 and must publish the record and make a copy available for inspection by Members and by the public, <u>except that the name of the employee, provided under Standing Order 3.3(iii), need not be published.</u></p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b>                  The proposed changes make an exception for publishing the name of family members where they are employed by other Members.</p>
<p>3.8. Members are under a continuing duty to ensure, by inspecting the record of notifications from time to time, that it correctly contains the particulars notified by them under Standing Order 3.1 or 3.5.</p>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b>                  Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p><b>4. STANDING ORDER 4 – Recording Time Involved in Registrable Activities</b></p>	

General	Retain heading
<p>4.1. Where a Member is required to register an interest, in accordance with Standing Order 2.2, that Member must at the same time, where that interest is also a registrable activity, make a notification under Standing Order 4.</p>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b> Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p>4.2 For the purposes of Standing Order 4, a “registrable activity” is a registrable interest which falls within either:</p> <p><del>(i) sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 5 of the Annex to Standing Order 2 (remunerated directorships);</del>  <del>or</del>  <del>(ii) sub-paragraph (ii) of that paragraph (employments, offices, trades, professions or vocations);</del></p> <p>and relates to the Member himself or herself (rather than to a partner or dependent child of the Member).</p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b> The proposed changes reflect the proposed merging of categories 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Register, listed in Standing Order 2, into one broad category used to capture all forms of Members’ remunerated employment.</p>
Notification	Retain heading
<p>4.3. Notification is to be by reference to the following <del>bands</del> <u>categories</u>:</p> <p><del>(i) Band Category 1: Less than 5 hours per week;</del>  <del>(ii) Band Category 2: Between 5 and 20 hours per week;</del>  <del>(iii) Band Category 3: More than 20 hours per week;</del>  <u>(iv) Category 4: One-off activity, with the relevant time involved specified.</u></p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b> The proposed changes remove references to bands and instead refer to categories and reflect the creation of a category that will allow Members to record the time involved in a one-off registrable activity, where a weekly average is not appropriate.</p>

<p>4.4. Notification must state into which of those <del>bands</del> <u>categories</u> the average number of hours which the Member devotes (or expects to devote) to each registrable activity each week will fall <u>or, in the case of a one-off activity, how much time the Member devoted to the activity.</u></p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b> The proposed change removes the reference to bands and reflects the inclusion of an additional category under Standing Order 4.3.</p>
<p>4.5. If (whether as a result of a change of circumstances or for any other reason) the notification which a Member has given in relation <u>to the time spent on</u> a registrable activity <u>as a weekly average</u> is no longer correct, the Member must, within four weeks, make a further notification under Standing Order 4.</p>	<p><b>Amend Standing Order</b> The proposed changes reflect the inclusion of an additional category under Standing Order 4.3, in relation to which a Member would not be able to change the time spent on a one-off activity by making a further notification.</p>
<p>4.6. Notification must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose and delivering it to the Clerk.</p>	<p><b>Retain Standing Order</b> Standing Order included for information only.</p>
<p><b>5A. STANDING ORDER 5A - Voluntary Recording of Members' other interests</b></p>	
<p><u>5A.1. Members may record financial or other interests which do not fall within any of the categories that require registration under Standing Order 2, or recording under Standing Orders 3, 4 or 5.</u></p>	<p><b>New Standing Order</b> The proposed change creates a new voluntary category for the purpose of enabling Members to record any financial or other interests that they wish to put in the public domain, which are not captured by any of the compulsory categories under Standing Order 2.</p>

<p><u>5A.2. Notification under Standing Order 5A.1. must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose, and delivering it to the Clerk.</u></p>	<p><b>New Standing Order</b> The proposed change provides information to Members about how to make any notification under Standing Order 5A.1.</p>
<p><u>5A.3. The Presiding Officer must maintain a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 5A.1. and must publish the record and make a copy available for inspection by Members and by the public.</u></p>	<p><b>New Standing Order</b> The proposed change provides information about the recording and publishing of any notifications made under Standing Order 5A.1.</p>

## Annex B: Standing Orders, as amended

### STANDING ORDER 2 – Financial and other interests of Members: Annex

The interests which are to be registered in the Register of Interests of Members and which for the purposes of Standing Order 2.6 are to be declared before taking part in any Senedd proceedings.

#### General

1. Members should, in listing their registrable interests, have regard to any relevant resolutions, codes of practice or guidance notes which the Senedd may have adopted on this matter.
2. Any remunerated activity in the areas of public relations and political advice and consultancy relating to the functions of the Senedd must be included in that part of the register relating to remunerated employment, office or profession. Such activity includes any action connected with any Senedd proceedings, sponsoring of functions in the Senedd buildings, and making representations to the government, or any member of that government or of its staff.
3. The majority of the interests specified in the categories below include a reference to interests independently possessed by or given to the partner or any dependent child of the Member, and these must also be registered if such interests are known to the Member.
4. For the purposes of the registration and declaration of interests under Standing Order 2 specified in this Annex:
  - (i) a Member's partner means a spouse, civil partner or one of a couple whether of the same sex or of the opposite sex who although not married to each other are living together and treat each other as spouses; and
  - (ii) a dependent child is any person who, at the time of registration is under the age of sixteen or is under the age of nineteen and receiving full-time education by attendance at a recognised educational establishment and is:



- a) a child of the Member;
- b) a step-child of the Member by marriage or by civil partnership;
- c) a child legally adopted by the Member;
- d) child whom the Member intends legally to adopt;
- e) a child who, for at least the previous six calendar months, has been financially supported by the Member.

## The Registrable Interests

5. The registrable interests are:

- (i) directorships, employment, office, trade, profession or vocation (apart from, in the case of the Member, membership of the Senedd), for which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner, is remunerated or in which the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, has any pecuniary interest; including:
  - a) in the case of the Member only, the amount of remuneration received, or expected to be received, for each registrable activity;
  - b) the names of clients where the interest includes services which arise out of, or are related in any manner to membership of the Senedd; and
  - c) whether the interest involves any public or private company or other body which has tendered for, is tendering for, or has a contract with the Commission or the Welsh Government.
- (ii) gifts, hospitality, material benefits or advantage above a value specified in any resolution of the Senedd received by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, from any company, organisation or person which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Senedd;
- (iii) financial sponsorship (a) as a candidate for election to the Senedd, where to the knowledge of the Member the sponsorship in any case exceeds 25 per cent of the candidate's election expenses, or (b) as a Member of the Senedd by any person or organisation. In registering such an interest, a

Member must state whether any such sponsorship includes any payment to the Member or any material benefit or advantage;

- (iv) subject to any resolution of the Senedd, overseas visits made by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which arise out of, or are related in any manner to, membership of the Senedd where the cost of any such visit has not been wholly borne by the Member or from funds provided by the Senedd or by the UK Parliament or by any organisation of which the Senedd is a member;
- (v) any land and property of the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, which has a substantial value as specified in any resolution of the Senedd or from which a substantial income is derived other than any home used for the personal residential purposes of the Member, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member;
- (vi) the names of companies or other bodies in which the Member has, either alone or with or on behalf of the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, a beneficial interest, or in which, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or a dependent child of the Member has a beneficial interest, in shareholdings of a market value greater than one per cent of the issued share capital, or less than one per cent but more than an amount specified in any resolution of the Senedd;
- (vii) paid or unpaid membership or chairmanship by the Member or, to the Member's knowledge, the Member's partner or any dependent child of the Member, of any body funded in whole or in part out of funds provided by the Commission or the Welsh Government, where the Member knows, or ought to have known, of the Commission or Welsh Government funding.

## STANDING ORDER 3 – Recording of the employment of family members of other Members with the Support of Commission Funds.

[Note: a requirement for notification under Standing Order 3 is in addition to any requirement to register the employment of a Member's partner or dependent child under Standing Order 2. Where Standing Order 2 requires a Member to register the employment of a spouse or dependent child under that Standing Order, the Member must do that in addition to any notification required under Standing Order 3.]

- 3.1 A Member who at any time, with the support of Commission funds, employs, either directly or indirectly, a person whom that Member knows to be a family member of another Member must, no later than the date specified in Standing Order 3.4, make a notification under Standing Order 3.
- 3.2. In Standing Order 3:
- (i) "family member" means:
    - (a) a partner of a Member;
    - (b) a child or grand-child of a Member;
    - (c) a parent or grand-parent of a Member;
    - (d) a brother or sister of a Member;
    - (e) a nephew or niece of a Member; or
    - (f) an uncle or aunt of a Member;
  - (ii) "partner" means a spouse, civil partner or one of a couple whether of the same sex or of the opposite sex who although not married to each other are living together and treat each other as spouses;
  - (iii) the expressions "child", "grand-child", "parent", "grand-parent", "brother", "sister", "uncle" and "aunt" apply equally to half-, step-, foster- and adoptive relationships and also apply to persons having the relationship in question to the partner of the Member;

- (iv) "Commission funds" means amounts paid by the Commission by way of allowances under sections 20, 21 or 53 of the Act.

3.3. The notification required by Standing Order 3 must include the following information:

- (i) *[Standing Order removed by resolution in Plenary on xx]*
- (ii) the name of the other Member or Members of whom the employee is a family member;
- (iii) the full name of the employee;
- (iv) the relationship of the employee to the Member referred to in (ii);
- (v) the capacity in which the employee is employed, including any job title;
- (vi) the date on which the employment commenced;
- (vii) if the employment has ceased, the date on which it ceased; and
- (viii) the hours which the employee is contracted to work each week.

3.4. Notification must be made:

- (i) within eight weeks of the date on which the Member takes the oath or affirmation of allegiance; or
- (ii) within four weeks of:
  - (a) the first occasion on which the family member receives a payment with the support of Commission funds;
  - (b) the date on which the employee becomes a family member of another Member; or
  - (c) the date when the Member first becomes aware of the fact that the employee is a family member of another Member,

whichever is the later.

3.5. If:

- (i) notification has been given under Standing Order 3; and
- (ii) there has been any change to the information which was included in that notification,

the Member must, within four weeks of the date on which that change took place, make notification of that change.

- 3.6. Notification under Standing Order 3.1 or under Standing Order 3.5 must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose and delivering it to the Clerk.
- 3.7 The Presiding Officer must maintain a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 3 and must publish the record and make a copy available for inspection by Members and by the public, except that the name of the employee, provided under Standing Order 3.3(iii), need not be published.
- 3.8. Members are under a continuing duty to ensure, by inspecting the record of notifications from time to time, that it correctly contains the particulars notified by them under Standing Order 3.1 or 3.5.

## STANDING ORDER 4 – Recording Time Involved in Registrable Activities

### General

- 4.1. Where a Member is required to register an interest, in accordance with Standing Order 2.2, that Member must at the same time, where that interest is also a registrable activity, make a notification under Standing Order 4.
- 4.2. For the purposes of Standing Order 4, a “registrable activity” is a registrable interest which falls within sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 5 of the Annex to Standing Order 2 and relates to the Member himself or herself (rather than to a partner or dependent child of the Member).

### Notification

- 4.3. Notification is to be by reference to the following categories:
  - (i) Category 1: Less than 5 hours per week;
  - (ii) Category 2: Between 5 and 20 hours per week;
  - (iii) Category 3: More than 20 hours per week;
  - (iv) Category 4: One-off activity, with the relevant time involved specified.
- 4.4. Notification must state into which of those categories the average number of hours which the Member devotes (or expects to devote) to each registrable activity each week will fall or, in the case of a one-off activity, how much time the Member devoted to the activity.
- 4.5. If (whether as a result of a change of circumstances or for any other reason) the notification which a Member has given in relation to the time spent on a registrable activity as a weekly average is no longer correct, the Member must, within four weeks, make a further notification under Standing Order 4.
- 4.6. Notification must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose and delivering it to the Clerk.

### Publication

- 4.7. The Presiding Officer must maintain a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 4 and must publish the

record and make a copy available for inspection by Members and by the public.

## Form of Notification and Record

- 4.8. The form prescribed by the Presiding Officer under Standing Order 4.6 may be combined with the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer under Standing Order 2.2.
- 4.9. The record of notifications maintained by the Presiding Officer under Standing Order 4.7 may be combined with the Register of Interests maintained by the Presiding Officer under Standing Order 2.1.

## STANDING ORDER 5 – Recording of Membership of Societies

- 5.1. A notification must be made by any Member of any membership, or position of general control or management, of a private society or a private club which has entry requirements for membership.
- 5.2. For the purposes of Standing Order 5.1, "entry requirements for membership" does not include:
  - (i) the requirement to pay a subscription; or
  - (ii) the agreement to and signing of terms and conditions of membership of the society or club (other than any term and condition relating to selection for membership).
- 5.3. The Presiding Officer must maintain and publish a record of the notifications by Members of the matters set out in Standing Order 5.1 and copies must be available for inspection by Members and by the public.
- 5.4. Notifications must be made by completion of a form prescribed by the Presiding Officer.
- 5.5. Within eight weeks of a Member taking the oath of allegiance or making the corresponding affirmation, he or she must complete the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer, and must sign the form and deliver it to the Clerk.
- 5.6. Within four weeks of membership or change to membership occurring, a Member must notify the Presiding Officer by completion of the prescribed form; and must sign the form and deliver it to the Clerk.
- 5.7. The form referred to in Standing Order 5.5 or 5.6 is not to be regarded as having been delivered until it is received by the Clerk.
- 5.8. Members are under a continuing duty to ensure, by inspecting the record of notifications from time to time, that it correctly contains the particulars notified by them under Standing Order 5.5 or 5.6.

## STANDING ORDER 5A – Voluntary Recording of Members' other interests

- 5A.1. Members may record financial or other interests which do not fall within any of the categories that require registration under Standing Order 2 or recording under Standing Orders 3, 4 or 5.
- 5A.2. Notification under Standing Order 5A.1. must be given by completing and signing the form prescribed by the Presiding Officer for the purpose and delivering it to the Clerk.
- 5A.3. The Presiding Officer must maintain a record of the notifications made by Members under Standing Order 5A.1. and must publish the record and make a copy available for inspection by Members and by the public.