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Dear Colleague

### **Inquiry into Lobbying – Consultation**

The Standards of Conduct Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the current arrangements relating to lobbying at the National Assembly for Wales. The arrangements have been in place since 2013, and there was a commitment to review these regularly, to ensure that they remain fit for purpose in the context of a dynamic devolution process. The Committee's inquiry intends to establish whether it is clear what the citizen wants to know with regards to lobbying and if so, whether the arrangements in Wales at present provide enough information, accessibility and transparency?

To do this, the Committee will:

- Assess whether the Assembly's current arrangements relating to lobbying are sufficiently robust and fit-for-purpose for the Fifth Assembly;

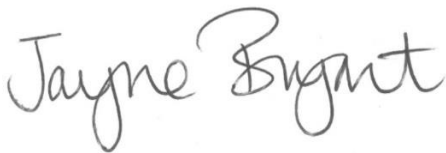
In particular the Committee is inviting views on the following questions:

- *Is there a need for change?*
- *What do you understand by the term lobbying?*



- *How is lobbying regulated at the moment?*
- *Do you consider yourself a lobbyist? How is lobbying regulated within your sector at the moment? E.g. if you are a private business, third sector, professional organisation.*
- *Have you encountered any problems with the current arrangements?*
- *Are there any areas you consider to be unregulated in this area which pose a risk to the accountability and reputation of governance in Wales?*
- *What would you consider to be the impact of introducing a new regime to deal with lobbying?*

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jayne" and the surname "Bryant" clearly legible.

Jayne Bryant AM  
Chair

