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Standards in
Public Life**

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Dear Prime Minister,

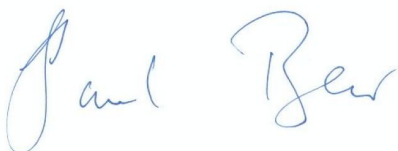
I am writing to let you know that the Committee on Standards in Public Life held its regular monthly meeting today and discussed the matter of Members of Parliament's outside interests.

While individual cases are a matter for the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments, House of Commons Committee on Standards, and the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, we made recommendations in this area as part of our report on MPs' expenses and allowances in 2009.¹

Mindful of the concerns raised by the public on this issue, my Committee has decided today to hold a short review of the subject of the 'reasonable limits' for MPs' outside interests. This review will inform a submission to the Committee on Standards' on-going inquiry into the Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules for MPs.²

I am copying this letter to the Minister for the Cabinet Office, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Chair of the House of Commons Committee on Standards, and the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments.

Yours sincerely,



Lord Bew
Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/twelfth-report-of-the-committee-on-standards-in-public-life-november-2009>

² <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/standards/inquiries/parliament-2015/inquiry/>