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**Committee on  
Standards in  
Public Life**

Baroness Finn

By email

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Dear Simone,

Thank you for your letter of 20 March 2025 letting me know of your intention to resign from the Committee on Standards in Public Life on 26 March in view of your role as Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office in the House of Lords. As you highlight, this appointment conflicts with the Committee's code of conduct which states that political members would be expected not to hold Ministerial or Front-bench office for their parties.

I know that I speak on behalf of all members when I say that we are indebted to you for the time and care you have devoted to the Committee since you were appointed in 2022 representing the Conservative party. I am particularly grateful for your contribution to our most recent report on 'Recognising and Responding to Early Warning Signs in Public Sector Bodies' which benefited from your knowledge of the public sector and understanding of the political realities involved.

Thank you again for being such a key member of the Committee and for your kind welcome to me as Chair. We will miss your thoughtfulness, insights and good humour that you have always shown in your contributions to our work.

With very best wishes.



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Chair, Committee on Standards in Public Life