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Dear Hannah,

I would like to thank the Standards of Conduct Committee for undertaking its inquiry into Individual Member Accountability and for your report on Deliberate Deception, which was published on 19 February 2025.

I have set out the Welsh Government's responses to the Committee's recommendations at Annex 1. I am pleased to have accepted or accepted in principle all the recommendations for the Welsh Government with the exception of Recommendation 4, which I have noted at this time pending further work in relation to Recommendation 3.

I note that some of the Committee's recommendations are directed at the Senedd, and while I have noted these recommendations in my response, I recognise there are connections between them and those recommendations for the Welsh Government. My officials and I are therefore open to engaging with the Committee and the Senedd as the recommendations are taken forward.

The issue of standards for Members of the Senedd including acting truthfully is of fundamental importance in maintaining trust in democracy and elected representatives in Wales. The Committee's report is an important contribution to that.

Yours sincerely,

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