

THE ETHICS AND INTEGRITY COMMISSION'S NETWORK OF STANDARDS BODIES TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose and scope

The purpose of the Network of Standards Bodies is to bring together the standards bodies in central government (and Parliamentary standards bodies with their agreement) to look at issues across the whole system and whether the various remits cover them sufficiently; share best practice; and identify and address areas of common concern.

The Chair of the Ethics and Integrity Commission will report annually to the Prime Minister on the overall health of the standards system.¹

Membership

The membership of the Network of Standards Bodies is set out in the table below.

	Chair, Network of Standards Bodies
1	Chair, Ethics and Integrity Commission
	Central government standards bodies
2	Independent Adviser on Ministerial Standards
3	First Civil Service Commissioner
4	Commissioner for Public Appointments
5	Chair, House of Lords Appointments Commission (HOLAC)

¹ <https://eic.independent-commission.uk/what-we-do/terms-of-reference/>

	Parliamentary standards bodies
6	Commons Commissioner for Standards
7	Lords Commissioners for Standards
8	Chair, Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA)
	Other bodies
9	Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists
10	Chair, Electoral Commission
11	Chair, UK Statistics Authority (UKSA)

Meetings of the Network

Frequency

Meetings of the Network of Standards Bodies take place quarterly. Meetings take place in person in London but can be hybrid to enable remote attendance. Additional meetings may be scheduled as required.

Meeting attendance

It is customary for members to attend each Network meeting. When that is not possible, members are invited to send a deputy to represent them.

Other standards bodies who are not members may be invited to attend a meeting of the Network to discuss their perspective on a current issue.

Meeting agenda

The standing agenda for meetings of the Network of Standards Bodies is as follows:

- Opening comments by the Chair of the EIC.
- A briefing by the member representing each standards body, updating the Network on key issues, concerns and lessons identified for their organisation.
- Discussion of current standards issues.

- Any other business.

Transparency

The minutes of Network of Standards Body meetings are published on the EIC website within one month of the meeting taking place.