

Scottish Parliamentary Standards Commissioner

Press Statement

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COMPLAINT AGAINST KENNY MACASKILL MSP AND TRICIA MARWICK MSP – REPORT BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

My report of my investigation, with my conclusions, is published in full as an annex to the report of the Standards Committee. I have no comment to add to what is said in the report, which is available for all to read.

The system set up by Parliament for complaints about MSP conduct contains two separate components. The Standards Commissioner's role is to carry out an independent and impartial investigation of the facts and then to report to Standards Committee on what occurred and whether in his judgment a breach of the Code of Conduct took place. The MSPs on the Standards Committee then make their own final decision as to whether a breach was committed by the Member(s) complained against, as Parliament is self-regulating in conduct matters (barring criminal offences).

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