

Proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure

73. Committee on Members' Interests

- (1) There shall be a standing committee to be called the Committee on Members' Interests -
 - (a) to examine the arrangements made for the compilation, maintenance and accessibility of the Register of Members' Interests;
 - (b) to consider any proposals made by Members or others as to the form and contents of the Register;
 - (c) to consider ~~and investigate~~ any complaint made in relation to the registration and declaration of Members' interests or any complaint of a failure to do so and, if it thinks fit after consideration, investigate such complaint;
 - ~~(ca)~~ to consider any complaint made in relation to the conduct of Members referred to in Rule 83AA (Claims for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses or Applications for Advance of Operating Funds) and, if it thinks fit after consideration, investigate such complaint;
 - (d) to consider matters of ethics in relation to the conduct of Members in their capacity as such, and to give advice and issue guidelines on such matters;
 - (e) to report to the Council and make recommendations, including a recommendation as to a sanction under Rule 85 (Sanctions relating to Interests, Operating Expenses or Operating Funds).
- ~~(1A)~~ In considering or investigating a complaint referred to in subrule (1)(ca), the committee shall, in addition to any other matter that the committee may consider relevant, have regard to the provisions of A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council.

(2).....(7)

83AA. Claims for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses or Applications for Advance of Operating Funds

When making a claim for reimbursement of operating expenses or applying for advance of operating funds in accordance with A Guide for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses for Members of the Legislative Council, or acting for purposes related thereto, a Member shall -

(a) ensure that any information, declaration or certification provided or made is true, accurate and complete; and

(b) act according to any undertaking that he has given.

85. Sanctions relating to Interests, Operating Expenses or Operating Funds

Any Member who fails to comply with Rule 83 (Registration of Interests), 83A (Personal Pecuniary Interest to be Disclosed), 83AA (Claims for Reimbursement of Operating Expenses or Applications for Advance of Operating Funds) or 84(1) or (1A) (Voting or Withdrawal in case of Direct Pecuniary Interest) may be admonished, reprimanded or suspended by the Council on a motion to that effect.