

Independent Expert Panel

Chair, Rt Hon Sir Stephen Irwin

Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP

Speaker

House of Commons

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Mr Speaker,

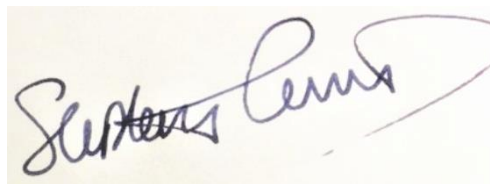
I write in relation to the Committee on Standards' Second Report to the House, *Scott Benton*, HC 413, published on 14 December 2023; and pursuant to paragraph 88 of the Procedural Protocol in respect of the Code of Conduct that requires me to notify you whether Scott Benton has appealed the Committee's decision to the Independent Expert Panel.

Subsequent to the publication of the report I exercised my discretion under paragraph 87 of the Procedural Protocol to extend the appeal deadline from 2 January to 19 January.

I can confirm that Mr Benton has submitted an appeal.

I am copying this letter to the Leader of the House and the Chair of the Committee on Standards, and it will be published on the Panel's website.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Irwin', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

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