Procedure Committee

Siân Berry MP
House of Commons
Via email only

Monday, 16 November 2026

Dear Siân,

Potential inquiry into changes to Standing Orders

Thank you for your letter of 5 November 2026 relating to a potential inquiry into changes to Standing Orders. The Committee is always grateful for suggestions from Members of Parliament for topics it could consider as part of its work relating to how the House of Commons undertakes its public business.

The Committee currently has a full programme of work underway, including inquiries into written parliamentary questions, the sub judice resolution, and electronic voting. The Committee therefore does not have capacity at present to consider any new topics of inquiry.

The Committee does keep its open workstreams under review and regularly considers potential new areas of inquiry. Should the Committee's capacity change in the near future to allow for additional workstreams, we will bear your suggestion in mind when discussing our future programme.

In the meantime, you may wish to keep up to date with developments in the Committee's work on our website.

Yours ever,



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Chair of the Procedure Committee

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