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# STATES OF JERSEY



## **COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS: INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT OF BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTED MEMBERS BY DEPUTY R. HUELIN OF ST. PETER**

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**Presented to the States on 1st April 2021  
by the Privileges and Procedures Committee**

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## **REPORT**

The Privileges and Procedures Committee has received a report from the Commissioner for Standards regarding a self-referral by Deputy R.E. Huelin of St. Peter. Deputy Huelin referred himself for investigation in relation to a potential breach of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

The self-referral arose from media coverage related to electricity charges levied on tenants living in a property owned by Deputy Huelin.

The Commissioner for Standards found that Deputy Huelin did not breach the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

The Committee accepts the Commissioner's report, which is attached, and considers that no further action is necessary.

PRIVILEGES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

**COMMISSIONER FOR STANDARDS:****INVESTIGATION OF SELF REFERRAL BY DEPUTY R.E. HUELIN OF ST. PETER****Introduction**

Deputy R.E. Huelin of St. Peter referred himself in relation to a potential breach of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members. I acknowledged the self-referral on 25th March 2021 and sought relevant background documentation.

**Summary**

The self-referral arises from media coverage related to electricity charges levied on tenants living in a property owned by Deputy Huelin. A statement supplied by Deputy Huelin set out the situation from his perspective.

The property in question is properly declared in accordance with Article 7, Register of Interests of Elected Members.

The relevant provision of the Code of Conduct for Elected Members is Article 5 – Maintaining the integrity of the States.

*Elected members should at all times conduct themselves in a manner which will tend to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of the States of Jersey and shall endeavour, in the course of their public and private conduct, not to act in a manner which would bring the States, or its Members generally, into disrepute.*

**The facts**

There do not appear to be any disputed facts in this case. Deputy Huelin in his account accepts that his tenants were inappropriately levied for costs related to a service charge and communal areas' electricity. When the Environmental Health Inspector brought the matter to his attention, he immediately took remedial action.

**Analysis and findings**

I do not believe that Deputy Huelin breached the Code of Conduct for Elected Members. He was responsible for a business decision which, when he was advised that it breached the Residential Tenancy Supply of Services Order, he corrected. The Department of Environmental Health was satisfied with his remedial action and took no further action.

Self-referral was appropriate and Deputy Huelin has thus demonstrated his accountability to the citizens of Jersey.

**Paul Kernaghan CBE QPM**

**Commissioner for Standards**

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**Re-issue Note**

The report has been re-issued to correct an error in the title.

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