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Terms of reference

The House of Representatives referred the following matter to the Committee on 22 November 2010:

- (1) the Privileges and Members' Interests Committee (the Committee):
 - (a) develop a draft Code of Conduct for Members of Parliament; and
 - (b) report back to the House by the end of the Budget 2011 sittings;

- (2) in considering the matters in paragraph 1 above, the Committee give consideration to:
 - (a) the operation of codes of conduct in other parliaments;
 - (b) who could make a complaint in relation to breaches of a code and how those complaints might be considered;
 - (c) the role of the proposed Parliamentary Integrity Commissioner in upholding a code; and
 - (d) how a code might be enforced and what sanctions could be available to the Parliament; and

- (3) the Committee consult with the equivalent committee in the Senate on the text of a Code of Conduct with the aim of developing a uniform code, together with uniform processes for its implementation for Members and Senators.