

COUNCIL MEETING – 11 January 2006

Question under Council Procedure Rule 14(2)(a)

QUESTION 5

From: Councillor Steel

To: The Vice Chairman of Standards Committee

"Can Members be advised of the consequences of a person being censured by the Standards Sub Committee for breach of the Code of Conduct?"

<u>Reply</u>

"Censure takes the form of a critical statement (the Full Written Decision) issued by the Sub Committee, setting out its findings and how the actions of the individual concerned breached the Code of Conduct.

In addition to that statement being appended to the minutes of the Sub Committee (and thereby forming part of the Council's public records), a notice summarising the findings must be published in a local newspaper. A copy of the decision is sent to the councillor, the complainant(s) and the Standards Board.

If the matter involves a parish councillor, a copy of the findings will also be forwarded to the Parish Council concerned. Copies of all Standards Committee agendas, reports and minutes are sent to all parish councils in the district as a matter of course."