

# Paper R1

## Redrafting Section O 5.2

### MIND Advisory Group

#### Basic information

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<b>Action required</b>	Accept resolution.
<b>Draft resolution(s)</b>	<p><b>Resolution 64</b> <b>Change of working in Section O 5.2</b></p> <p>Current wording:</p> <p>5.2 If the Investigation Team concludes that the allegations against a minister do not amount to a prima facie case, or that even if proven they would not merit formal disciplinary sanctions, the Team will report accordingly to the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline. On receiving such a report the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline must take safeguarding advice, and must then declare the Process and any suspension terminated from that point, save that it may refer the report back to the Team on one occasion for reconsideration.</p> <p><b>Proposed wording:</b></p> <p><b>5.2 If the</b> Investigation Team concludes that the allegations against a minister do not amount to a prima facie case, or that even if proven they would not merit formal disciplinary sanctions, the Team will report accordingly to the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline. On receiving such a report, the Assembly Standing Panel for Discipline must take safeguarding advice and may refer the report back to the Team on one occasion for reconsideration. It must then send the report to the minister for comment. The ASPD will then consider the report, any response from the minister, and then declare the Process and any suspension terminated from that point.</p>

## Summary of content

<b>Subject and aim(s)</b>	Corrects drafting error whereby ministers are not shown a report which exonerates them and the possibility of asking for the Investigation team to reconsider is almost an afterthought. The changed wording sets the order of events better and ensures ministers see the report.
<b>Main points</b>	Reorders text, adds requirement to show Investigation Team report to ministers.
<b>Previous relevant documents</b>	Section O of the Manual.
<b>Consultation has taken place with...</b>	

## Summary of impact

<b>Financial</b>	None.
<b>External (e.g. ecumenical)</b>	None.